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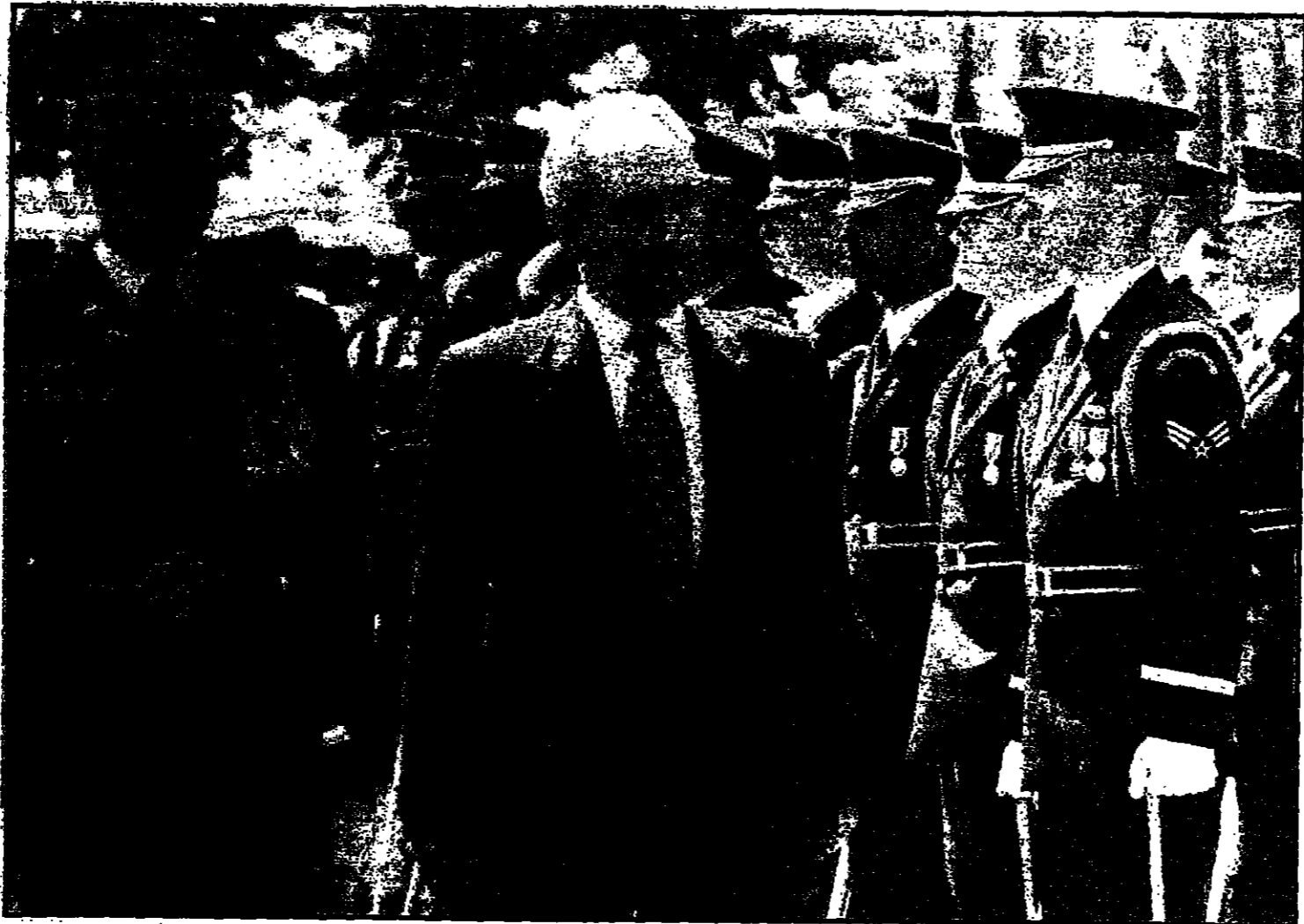
Northern settlements demand NIS 2.3b

INDUSTRIALISTS and government officials yesterday estimated the direct damage inflicted on the businesses and home owners in the North at NIS 200 million, while local leaders demanded the government launch NIS 2.3 billion in reconstruction programs.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat visited Kiryat Shmona yesterday and pledged the government would give priority to repairing the damage and rebuilding the communities, with specific emphasis on Kiryat Shmona, which bore the brunt of the attacks.

He said that he would formulate an emergency program within two weeks for the northern communities.

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Prime Minister Shimon Peres is escorted by US Army Col. David Hutton as he inspects troops at the Pentagon yesterday. (AP)

12,000 return to Kiryat Shmona

DAVID RUDGE and Itim

BY yesterday afternoon an estimated 12,000 residents had returned to Kiryat Shmona, following the cease-fire agreement reached on Friday. Many of them took advantage of free bus transportation provided by Egged, which accepted ID cards with Kiryat Shmona home addresses in lieu of tickets.

Repair work began yesterday on homes and public buildings in Kiryat Shmona and other front line towns and villages hit by Katyusha rockets.

Most of the schools and kindergartens damaged by Katyusha fire have been repaired enough to open today, except for one day-care center that took a direct hit

Deputy Education Minister Micha Goldman met with town officials yesterday and heard a review of preparations for the resumption of classes, including extra psychologists and special programs dealing with the fighting. The first two hours of classes today are to be devoted to a discussion of Operation Grapes of Wrath.

It was decided to provide special tutoring for high school pupils who must take matriculation exams next month.

Teachers have been given special instruction on the early detection of pupils' emotional problems, especially anxiety and the

inability to concentrate, due to the fighting.

On a tangible level, the city council decided to spruce up Kiryat Shmona with a clean-up and gardening campaign.

"We'll do everything we can in the next few weeks to erase every sign of the war," said Mayor Prosper Azran.

"We'll decorate the town with flowers and flags and concern ourselves with the quality of life."

In another sign of a return to normalcy, the forward emergency room operated in Kiryat Shmona during the fighting by Rebecca Sieff Hospital of Safed was closed yesterday and the building handed back to Magen David Adom.

Likud, Shas close to surplus vote pact

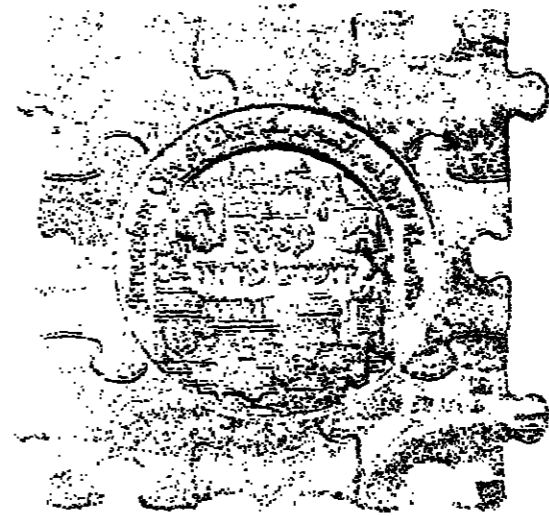
LIKUD leader Binyamin Netanyahu and Shas leader Aryeh Deri are working out a surplus vote agreement, Likud and Shas sources confirmed last night.

According to Likud sources, the signing of the agreement could lead to a Shas endorsement of Netanyahu for prime minister.

If the deal goes through, it would be the first time a religious party signs a surplus vote agreement with a secular one.

In 1992, Shas signed a surplus vote deal with United Torah Judaism, which decided this time to sign an agreement with the National Religious Party, fearing that a deal with Shas would lead to their votes going to the left-wing camp.

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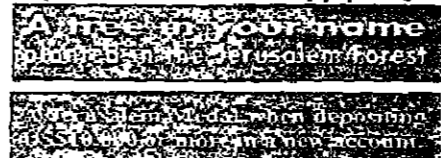


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Police, taxmen break up sports betting ring

RAINE MARCUS

IN a massive joint operation among the police, the Customs and VAT Authority, and tax investigators, 18 persons suspected of organizing a sophisticated sports betting operation were arrested early yesterday.

Police and tax authorities said the organization made millions monthly in a method adopted from the US, whereby sportsmen would take money for fixing games, thus custom making the odds for the gamblers.

Sportsmen, including soccer and basketball players and trainers, are to be summoned by police probing whether they were involved in fixing games.

Four alleged gang leaders were remanded for four days by Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court yesterday; the others were released on bail.

The investigation, which started several months ago, was helped by an informant, compulsive gambler Yitzhak Hagoel, who was paid a substantial sum by the authorities.

Police, VAT, and income tax investigators confiscated large sums of money in cash and checks, 17 computers, 150 computer discs, lists, and notebooks from the homes of those arrested.

Supt. Ezra Mevurach, of the National Crimes Squad, told the court that Aharon Davidian, of Bat Yam, was the head of the gambling ring. Police seized computers and discs, notebooks, a bank deposit slip for NIS 100,000, and a large sum of unexplained money at his home.

Davidian refused to cooperate with police. Judge Nira Daskin remanded him for four days.

Also remanded for four days was former Betar Jerusalem footballer Shlomo Shirazi. Police found documents and a large sum of money at his home. Three transactions allegedly proving Shirazi's involvement were taped

and filmed by Hagoel.

Yitzhak Segal, the gang's alleged banker, was also remanded for four days. He is suspected of coordinating and organizing illegal gambling operations on sports games here and abroad since 1990. Police also said he helped fix football and basketball games, and smuggled money abroad.

Yosef Suzin was also remanded. The gang's alleged debt collector, Yosef Dvash, was released on bail.

All the suspects allegedly evaded income tax and VAT payments. Investigations chief Cmdr. Yossi Levy said the gang's monthly turnover was NIS 2 million-NIS 3 million, and that many others, including gamblers and athletes, will be questioned when the authorities wade through the computer discs, documents, and bank account details.

Right now, said National Crime Squad (Continued on Page 2)

Hassan: Peace process in danger if Peres loses

PARIS (Reuter) - King Hassan II of Morocco has given implicit backing to Prime Minister Shimon Peres, saying the Middle East peace process would be in jeopardy if he lost next month's election.

"The risk of a majority changeover [in Israel] does not bode well for the peace process - and this is an understatement," Hassan told *Le Figaro* in an interview released yesterday.

Peres visited Rabat last December, a year after Morocco and Israel established low-

level diplomatic ties.

Hassan, interviewed before Friday's accord for a cease-fire in south Lebanon, also said he believed President Jacques Chirac could regain a role for France in the Middle East.

"He is moving. I think he has strong Arab contacts. I believe his action can be positive ... He has a sense for moderation," he said, calling Chirac "a friend of 20 years."

Hassan, who has long played a behind-the-

scenes role in Middle East peace efforts, said both Jews and Moslems must ask God to save the peace process.

"We must pray ... to prevent a disaster," he said.

He said a new Arab-Israeli war would have long-lasting consequences as it could involve chemical weapons on one side and nuclear weapons on the other.

He also said he had advised Palestinians and Israelis to leave the issue of Jerusalem for the very last stage of negotiations.

Gunman kills at least 33 at Australia tourist site

News agencies

PORT ARTHUR, Australia - A mentally ill gunman killed 33 people in Australia's worst shooting rampage yesterday and was holding hostages, demanding a helicopter to leave the scene in the island state of Tasmania.

The 29-year-old gunman, holed up in a small guest house after picking off his victims with a high-powered rifle at a nearby tourist attraction, made the demand as police negotiated with him to release the hostages and surrender.

Thirty Australians, two Canadians, and one victim whose nationality was not immediately

known died at the hands of the gunman, whose identity is known, police said. Several children and a baby were reported dead.

The slaughter in southeast Tasmania was the worst shooting massacre in Australia this century.

"Various massacres would pale into insignificance when you look at what has happened in Tasmania," Tasmanian Police Commissioner John Johnson said.

Some 200 police officers surrounded the bed-and-breakfast cottage in southeast Tasmania in which police believed the gunman held three people.

He fired sporadically upon authorities trying to negotiate with him, Johnson said.

Eighteen people were seriously wounded, police said. Ten of

them were in satisfactory condition; four were serious; and four critical.

Some 500 Australian and foreign tourists were at the site some 50 kilometers southeast of Hobart.

Wendy Scurr, who was working at the front desk of the Port Arthur historic site, said she phoned for help and then "ran for my life along with hundreds of other people at the site."

"He wasn't going bang-bang-bang. It was 'bang,' and then he'd pick someone else out and line them up and shoot them," witness Phillip Milburn told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Police coordinating telephone negotiations with the gunman said early on Monday that the Hobart man had a history of

mental illness and seemed incoherent.

"He has been undertaking medical treatment for some problems that he has had," Tasmanian assistant police commissioner Luppino Prinz told Reuters, saying members of the gunman's family were helping police with their negotiations.

Prinz said it was possible that a personal dispute had sparked off the shooting spree, but police had been unable to make much sense of comments by the gunman, who they said had made no mention of the shooting.

The man advanced on two tourist buses, killing several tourists in each one and one driver. He then fired on cars approaching the gates to the site.

Port Arthur was the historic landing site of some of the toughest convicts England sent into Australian exile in the 1800s.



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NEWSLINE DR. BERNIE STEIN

Stein is the Education Ministry's chief psychologist. How has the ministry prepared for the return of Kiryat Shmona pupils to school? Firstly, you must remember that this is the longest period Kiryat Shmona residents were forced to stay in shelters...

Report: Hizbullah men stopped in South America

SOUTH American police recently apprehended at the Paraguay-Argentina border Hizbullah terrorists on their way to attack a Jewish institution, Army Radio reported yesterday.



Teachers decorate a Kiryat Shmona classroom in preparation for today's return of pupils.

Shahak: North is out of 'circle of violence'

CHIEF of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak told a meeting of confrontation line council heads yesterday that residents of the North could now feel themselves outside the circle of violence...

BATSHEVA TSUR and Mim President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher for their "great efforts" in helping to achieve the cease-fire.

AMERICAN OUTLOOK The American Outlook section, which should have appeared in yesterday's paper, will appear tomorrow.

Kiryat Shmona begins cleaning up the mess

MAZAL Eliahu returned to her home in Kiryat Shmona on Saturday - and broke down in tears. She came alone, hitchhiking from Tel Aviv, because her husband Yair is observant and waited until the end of Shabbat.

DAVID RUDGE Eliahu after spending the day trying to clear up the mess in their home. She also cried because their lives had been spared simply because they were several hundred kilometers away from their home when the Katyusha hit.

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With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our mother and mother-in-law MINA GIVTON widow of Hanoch Givton For information about the funeral please call (03) 7516407. Netta and Itamar Givton

We sadly announce the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother LOTTE BARGEBUHR The funeral will take place today, Monday, April 29, 1996 (Iyar 10, 5756), at 4:30 p.m. at the Ness Ziona Cemetery. Her daughters and sons-in-law Esther and Ovadia Rabi Ness Ziona Kate and Nachum Kedar Beersheba grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Bar-Ilan University mourns the passing of ARMIN KRAUSZ Honorary Fellow of the university and a longtime executive member of the British Friends of Bar-Ilan Our deepest condolences to Mr. Neville Krausz, Mrs. Sylvia Fishman, and his nephew, Prof. Ernest Krausz, a former rector of Bar-Ilan University.

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Our beloved aunt ELEONORA BORCHOV left us on April 25, 1996. She bequeathed her body to science. Georges Baum and Family

In deep sorrow we mourn the passing of our beloved mother FRIEDA RUMELT on April 26, 1996 Daughter: Bella Rosenberg Sons: Aharon and Shlomo Ramiel and families Sisters: Anne Ehrmann and Renee Forgan and their families in New York

BETTING (Continued from Page 1) head Dep.-Cmdr. Yoram Rudman, the main goal is to discover whether athletes were actively involved in fixing games. He said a total of NIS 185,000 in cash and checks worth NIS 192,000 were seized in the raids...

Syria says truce shows importance of Damascus

DAMASCUS (Reuter) - Syria said yesterday that the cease-fire agreement signed on Friday to end fighting between Israel and Hizbullah showed the important role Damascus plays in the region.

In deep sorrow we announce the passing of our beloved VICTOR (Haim) CABASSO a native of Jerusalem The funeral took place yesterday, Sunday, April 28, 1996 (9 Iyar 5756). Mourned by: Wife, Judith Cabasso Son and daughter-in-law, Israel and Youxin-Yuan Cabasso Daughter and son-in-law, Yael Kombor-Mus and Conny Mus Grandson, Elon Kombor Brother and sister-in-law, Moshe and Hana Cabasso Shiva at the Kombor-Mus home, 7 Rehov Yehuda, Baka, Jerusalem.

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Former Hadassah president Deborah Kaplan, one of the 2,000 delegates to the group's international convention, which opened in Jerusalem yesterday, chuckles at a quip by President Ezer Weizman. Weizman praised the women for the fact that, despite the situation, there were no cancellations. (Isaac Harari)

Knesset to debate Hebron withdrawal

HERB KEINON,
LIAT COLLINS, and Tim

THE Knesset is expected to meet in a special session Wednesday to discuss the results of Operation Grapes of Wrath and the possibility of the imminent IDF withdrawal from Hebron. The session was called by the National Religious Party, which garnered the 30 signatures necessary for a special session together with the Likud.

"It is our moral and public duty to warn that the withdrawal is likely to pose a first-degree security threat," said NRP leader Zevulun Hammer. Party MK Hanan Portat is demanding that no steps toward withdrawal be taken before the plenum session.

Coalition and Labor Knesset faction chairman Ra'anan Cohen was among those who sought signatures for the discussion on the agreement with Lebanon. Tomorrow a special meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee is scheduled to hear a report on the operation from Chief of Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak.

A general strike in Kiryat Arba and the Jewish area of Hebron is scheduled for Wednesday, as settlers plan to demonstrate in Jerusalem that day during the special Knesset session.

"In any incident in Hebron

where blood is shed, the blood will be the government's responsibility," settlers' council spokesman Noam Arnon said yesterday in response to the statement by Health Minister Ephraim Sneh on Army Radio that the IDF would redeploy in Hebron before next month's elections. Such had pointed out in the interview that Israel had agreed under the Oslo Accords to redeploy in Hebron as early as June 1994, but had been forced by circumstances to wait until now.

The withdrawal from Hebron could be made in stages, with the final one taking place after the elections, Prime Minister Shimon Peres told reporters on the way to Washington early yesterday. Shas MK Aryeh Deri, meanwhile, said he does not see Peres's negative response to Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's recent appeal to delay the redeployment until after the elections as "the end of the story."

Deri said Shas's discussions with Peres regarding Hebron would continue after the prime minister returns from his US trip. "Maybe we can change something," he said.

Deri added that he draws his optimism from the precedent of Rachel's Tomb. The government originally had planned to cede the Bethlehem holy site to Palestinian control, but changed its mind after coming under intense pressure from the religious parties.

"I believe that with the strong efforts of all the religious parties, we can annul the civil decree, and IDF forces won't be withdrawn from Hebron at this point," Deri said.

Deri said that Yosef's appeal to Peres was not an attempt by the Shas mentor to employ his political leverage, but rather made out of concern for the safety of the 450 settlers living in Hebron.

"The letter had nothing to do with politics," Deri said. "It was not as if he [Peres] were to respond favorably then we would vote for him, and if not, then we wouldn't vote for him. It was a halachic issue par excellence, stemming from concern for the security of the Jews in Hebron."

According to Deri, Yosef is not only interested in pushing the withdrawal from Hebron off until after the elections, "but changing the redeployment, so as not to leave the Jews there in an enclave surrounded by the Palestinian Police."

Pardess Hanna man suspected of killing wife

A PARDESS Hanna man suspected of stabbing his wife to death was arrested early yesterday morning.

Police said the victim, Esperant Ben-Yair, 57, and her husband, 60, had been quarreling for the past 10 years. At about 5 yesterday morning, he apparently entered her bedroom with a knife and stabbed her several times in the chest.

She began screaming for help and the couple's 17-year-old son, the youngest of their six children, ran into the room and began hitting his father and kept him from doing further damage. The wounds, however, proved fatal.

The man, a janitor at a local school, told police he could no longer stand the constant fighting that had "degraded his life," and decided to kill his wife. He will be brought before a judge for a remand hearing tomorrow. (Itim)

Closure to continue

BATSHEVA TSUR

THE Ministerial Committee on Security decided yesterday that the closure of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza would continue, but that goods could be transferred.

At the cabinet meeting, the issue of Palestinian debts to Israelis was addressed. A ministerial committee, headed by Justice Minister David Lita'i, will hear the complaints of Israeli creditors and others and will submit recommendations to the cabinet shortly.

Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin Shahak was asked to look into an incident - raised by Environment Minister Yossi Sarid - in which a Palestinian woman lost her baby after soldiers at roadblocks three times prevented her from getting to a hospital. Sarid said the woman had given birth in her car and was forced to carry the baby to an eastern Jerusalem hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Ministers said this appeared to be a clear violation of rules to let urgent medical cases enter Israel.

Court dismisses petition on changing pre-poll TV ban

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice yesterday threw out a petition against a change in the law forbidding TV stations to show pictures of candidates before the elections, saying a major constitutional issue could not be decided in 24 hours.

Until this year, the law banned candidates' pictures from appearing 30 days before the elections. In March, however, the Knesset shortened the ban to 21 days before the elections.

Israel's Media Watch then petitioned the court against this change, saying it was illegal because it had not passed with an absolute majority of 61 MKs. An absolute majority is required to pass any law which infringes on the principle of equality, and the

petition argued that this law did, because the media discriminates against opposition candidates, and therefore an absolute ban is the only way to ensure equal treatment.

Justices Aharon Barak, Dalia Dornier and Dorit Beinisch noted that the 30-day period would have started today, and therefore a decision would have to be made immediately to have any effect.

However, they said, the court cannot decide constitutional issues, such as whether a law infringes on the principle of equality, in a day. They therefore rejected the petition, saying that if the petitioners had wanted a serious hearing, the petition should have been filed a month ago.

'Davar Rishon' - 'Telegraph' out on Sunday

STARTING next Sunday, *Davar Rishon* will be published in a new format combining it with the Hebrew economic daily *Telegraph*, editor Ron Ben-Ishai announced yesterday.

Ben-Ishai told *Davar Rishon*'s staffers that 80 percent of them would be able to continue working on the new paper. The remainder are to receive dismissal notices this week, qualifying them for severance pay.

Ben-Ishai said a dispute between the investors and the employees' union focused on the number of workers allowed to be employed under personal contracts and those under the collective bargaining agreement. Workers reportedly feared a worsening of conditions, including becoming vulnerable to firing.

Union leader Ephraim Davidi said the workers have no problem with the merger, and even feel it will give the paper a boost. However, the union rejected proposals that would decrease the number of workers under collective bargaining to less than a decisive majority.

While the layout of the new journal has not yet been finalized, it is promised to be different from *Davar Rishon*. Subscribers to both papers will receive the new paper in the morning and it will be sold on the newsstands later in the day. (Itim)

Meshulam followers sneak into Ayalon Prison as Amnesty reps

RAINE MARCUS

INTERNAL Security Minister Moshe Shabai and Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz have launched an investigation into how three of Uzi Meshulam's followers posing as Amnesty International emissaries managed to "examine" his prison conditions.

It is still not known whether the three, American citizens of Yemenite origin, passed anything to Meshulam and his followers during their visit last week to Ramle's Ayalon Prison.

Senior police officers described the entry of the three into the prison as an "incredible fiasco." Amnesty officials here were

also shocked yesterday and accused the Prisons Service of gross negligence in failing to check the trio's credentials.

Earlier this month, Meshulam asked Amnesty to examine his and his followers' prison conditions, a controversial issue for some time.

The Prisons Service has come under fire for giving Meshulam and his followers preferential treatment.

As a result, the service allowed reporters to visit the special non-smoking Leshem wing allocated exclusively to Meshulam and his followers to show that conditions

there are similar to the rest of the prison.

Although the wing could not be described as luxurious, Meshulam and his followers do enjoy certain privileges not usually permitted other inmates.

Meshulam has a cell to himself and was granted a special orthopedic bed and other medical appliances following endless applications to various courts.

But Meshulam and his followers constantly complained that their conditions are inhumane.

His request that Amnesty send

JON IMMANUEL

Palestinian control in the coming days or weeks.

Natshe said there were indications that the IDF was preparing a withdrawal, despite the fact that no official notice has been given. Yesterday, soldiers partially evacuated a permanent post in a building at Al-Hawuz in south Hebron in area A. Natshe said.

A Norwegian observer force is to arrive soon to find accommodations for 50 more observers who will come later, he added.

Meanwhile, the civil administration and the government coordinator's office have not received word that demolition orders had been rescinded.

Peter Lerner, civil administration spokesman, said 40 homes (not 60), mostly along main roads and only in area C are in the process of being served demolition orders. These are carried out at the rate of four or five a month.

For those whose houses were demolished before Peres made his gesture to Arafat, it is just bad luck, Natshe said.

Shahak meets Fiji minister

CHIEF of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak met with Minister of Home Affairs Cpl. Paul Faniusu Manuelli, the commander of the Fiji Army and members of the Fiji parliament yesterday to explain the IDF's version of events which led to the tragic shelling of a UNIFIL base in Kana, in which nearly 100 people were killed and over 100 injured, including three Fijian soldiers. Shahak stressed the IDF's good relations with the Fijian battalion in UNIFIL and wished a speedy recovery to the three injured soldiers, who are being treated at Haifa's Rambam Hospital. (Arieh O'Sullivan)

representatives was sent to the organization in London and was not approved, since Amnesty does not investigate felony incarcerations.

The three visitors entered the prison several times, showing their "credentials" - receipts showing they had donated NIS 25 to the organization and their American passports.

They promised to send additional documents by fax.

The Prisons Service spokesman would only say that "the issue is being examined."

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Newsweek: Hillary's fingerprints on 'lost' papers

WASHINGTON (Reuter) - The fingerprints of Hillary Rodham Clinton were found on Whitewater related documents "lost" for two years, according to a report released yesterday by Newsweek.

The billing records from the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock, Ark., for which Clinton worked, were found in the White House last summer and the fingerprints were identified by FBI experts, Newsweek reported.

The magazine's story, quoting "sources close to the inquiry," was released hours before President Bill Clinton was to testify on closed circuit television in connection with the case.

The president, who is not accused of any wrongdoing, has been subpoenaed as a defense witness for James and Susan McDougal, his one-time Whitewater real estate partners, who are on trial in Arkansas on bank fraud and conspiracy charges.

It is one of several legal proceedings arising from the failure of the Madison Savings and Loan Association, which cost taxpayers an estimated \$65 million.

The Clintons entered into a partnership with the McDougals in the Whitewater real estate venture in 1978. Although their

investment lost money, questions have arisen about whether funds for the project were siphoned from the savings and loan, which was also a McDougal holding.

The papers described yesterday detailed Hillary Clinton's legal work for McDougal's Madison Thrift, and "were subpoenaed in 1994 but not turned over until this January," the magazine said.

"Mrs. Clinton has said she had 'no idea' the papers were in the White House," Newsweek continued. "Her lawyer David Kendall later said 'it is possible Mrs. Clinton was shown the records in '92 but 'she does not recall.' Kendall now says the fingerprint discovery is 'not surprising.'"

"At the least," the magazine said, "the findings show Mrs. Clinton reviewed the records in '92, undercutting her claim she couldn't recall many of the mid-'80s meetings they cover. And says one source, they could be 'critical' in building a potential obstruction of justice case against her."

The office of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, probing possible wrongdoing by the Clintons in the case, declined to comment on the fingerprint report, Newsweek said.

The White House had no immediate comment on the report.



The blazing passenger bus in Bhai Pheru in Pakistan, after a powerful bomb stuffed into the fuel tank exploded yesterday, killing at least 40. The toll could reach 60, as many of the 26 injured are in critical condition.

Powerful bus bomb kills at least 40 in Pakistan

KATHY GANNON ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

THE ashes of at least 40 people killed in yesterday's savage bus bombing were laid out in a single coffin and buried in the treeless graveyard at Bhai Pheru.

Thousands came from surrounding villages to mourn the dead. Relatives of the victims clung to each other. Deafening wails and heart breaking sobs interrupted the prayers for the dead.

A bomb stuffed into the gas tank had turned the bus, packed with Moslems heading home to celebrate Islam's most sacred holiday, into a fiery grave for the 40 victims, six of whom were believed to be children.

The victims were burned beyond recognition, said the police and paramedics. Police feared the death toll could eventually reach 60, because many of the

26 who were injured are in critical condition and more remains may be found in the charred shell of the 52-seat bus.

The bus, which was overcrowded with passengers preparing for Eid al-Adha, exploded in the bustling market place of Bhai Pheru, about 25 kilometers east of the Punjab capital of Lahore.

"There were two explosions. The first one and then a second one almost immediately, I guess when the petrol tank exploded," said Ata Dada, a paramedic, whose first-aid station was about 200 meters away from explosion.

But Ada said he was helpless. He could see the victims inside the bus, some still alive, screaming for help.

But there was no fire extinguisher nor a nearby fire department to douse the blaze.

"We couldn't do anything, but watch," said Dada, his voice trembling. "People inside were screaming. It was so horrible."

It was nearly four hours before the bodies could be removed.

"Everything was so hot. We couldn't touch anything," he said. "No one was recognizable."

Another paramedic, Mohammed Iqbal, who transported some of the wounded to hospital, said 36 people died immediately and another four died en route to the hospital.

Police did not hold out much hope for many of the survivors, who suffered serious burns.

A bomb disposal squad defused a second explosive device, said the state-run news agency, Associated Press of Pakistan.

No one has taken immediate responsibility for the explosion which politicians condemned as savage.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto condemned the attack calling it "a heinous act [that] showed they had no respect even for the most pious day of Islam."

In a statement, Bhutto warned that her "government would not compromise with terrorists and would fight them till the last of them is brought to book."

Police had no clues about who might have been behind the bombing.

Moslems blocked from visiting Bosnia homes

MILIN BIRT, Bosnia (Reuter) - About 600 Bosnian Moslem refugees tried to visit homes in the Serb-held northwest Bosnia town of Prijedor yesterday but had to turn back when Serbs failed to guarantee their security.

Some of the refugees had come from Germany to see the graves of their loved ones as well as their homes on a day when thousands of moslems tested post-war freedom of movement across the country, witnesses said.

The failure of the refugees to reach Prijedor was another setback to implementing key civilian

aspects of the Dayton peace accord, which halted the 43-month Bosnian war last December.

Prijedor became notorious for an "ethnic cleansing" campaign that killed or expelled thousands of non-Serbs in 1992 and 1993.

The 600 Moslems in buses and cars turned up at a NATO checkpoint on the so-called "inter-ethnic boundary line" north of Sanski Most.

The group, which stopped at the Milin Birt checkpoint just outside Serb territory, said they had asked the Serbs for security guarantees, but these had not been provided.

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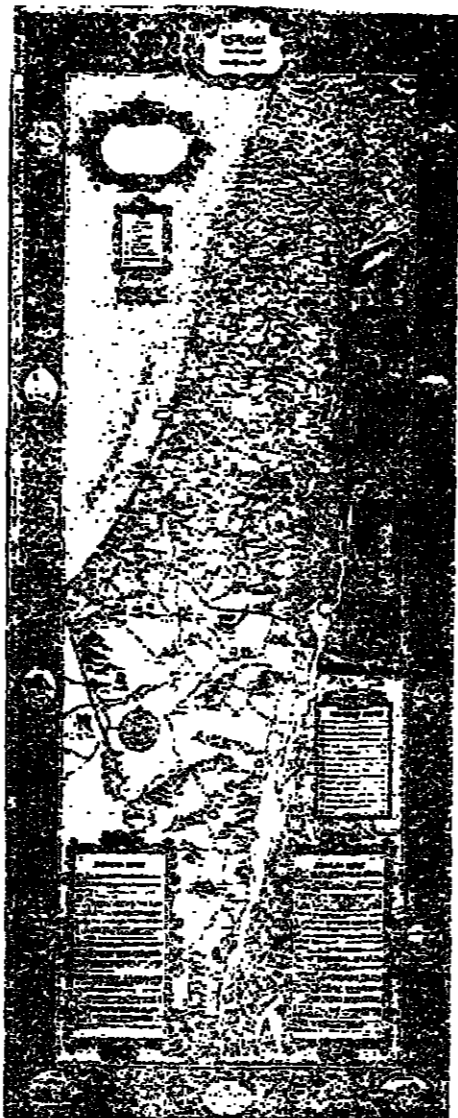
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'Diana on probation after royal divorce'

LONDON (Reuter) - Princess Diana will serve a period of probation and not be given any royal duties after her divorce from Prince Charles, a British newspaper said yesterday.

The Sunday Telegraph said Queen Elizabeth issued the order to curtail Diana's royal duties because she was displeased with her behavior during the divorce negotiations. Senior British ministers will re-examine her position in time.

"The queen has been dismayed

by the acrimonious progress of the divorce negotiations, and was unhappy when the princess issued a statement confirming that a divorce and new title had been agreed," the Sunday Telegraph said.

"She hopes that after the divorce the princess will conduct herself with dignity."

The Telegraph gave no source for its information, and no one from the royal household was immediately available to comment.

Poll: Zyuganov still leads but might lose

MOSCOW (AP) - A new poll released yesterday indicated that Communist Party head Gennady Zyuganov kept his lead in Russia's presidential vote, but might lose to President Boris Yeltsin in the second round of voting.

The poll was conducted over the last week by the respected VIZIOM service. It had a statistical margin of error of 3.8 percentage points.

Of those questioned, 75 percent said they intended to vote in the

June 16 presidential elections.

Of those actually planning to vote, 2 percent said they supported Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president and 4 percent planned to vote for Svyatoslav Fedorov, a famous eye surgeon.

Eight percent said they will vote for hard-line lawmaker and retired Gen. Alexander Lebed; 9 percent for ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy; and 11 percent for reformist economist Grigory Yavlinsky.

Police end probe of Kidder's odyssey

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) - Police closed their investigation of Superman actress Margot Kidder, concluding the actress was not the victim of a crime after she had been found dirty and cowering in a suburban backyard.

The actress refused to talk to police about the bizarre incident, which a friend said was sparked by her fear that at age 47 she was an aging Hollywood has-been.

O.J. to give TV interview in Britain

LONDON (AP) - O.J. Simpson is coming to Britain where he will give an interview on a new TV talk show and address students at the prestigious Oxford Union debating society, his British publicist confirmed yesterday.

Simpson, acquitted last October in the murders of his former wife Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, is traveling as a guest of Granada TV, makers of the Tonight show, publicist Max Clifford told BBC radio.

Granada TV confirmed yesterday that Simpson has been booked for the first edition of Tonight on May 13. Hosted by popular daytime talk show hosts Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan, it will go out on Independent Television.

Tonight editor Mark Gorton denied a report in The Sunday Mirror tabloid that Simpson has negotiated a

£50,000 (\$75,000) package, including £5,000 (\$7,500) for expenses.

He will receive "a nominal fee of £1 [\$150]" for his TV appearance, said Gorton. And, "as is standard practice with any high profile guest, we have agreed to fund the cost of travel and accommodation for Mr. Simpson and his colleagues," he said.

"We cannot expect O.J. to fly to Britain alone. He is a legitimate and intriguing interviewee," Gorton said. He refused to give figures.

Clifford said Simpson is undaunted at the prospect of addressing students at Oxford University, training ground of prime ministers and presidents, on May 14. As is traditional, he will take questions after his speech.

"O.J. is happy, looking forward to speaking to the students," he told BBC radio.

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Taking Legrand tour of a lifetime in music

It will take composer Michel Legrand nine hours to fly from Paris to Tel Aviv on Friday. But Legrand, who will be piloting his own single-engine jet, doesn't mind the flight's duration.

"I have been many times in Israel, but I never came with my plane. Now is the time," says the 64-year-old musician in a phone interview from his home in Paris. "I will crash or I will be very happy. These are the alternatives."

Legrand will play a concert of his jazz compositions with his trio on Saturday night at the Tel Aviv Cinematheque as part of the French Film Festival held there. He then returns to Israel on June 24 to conduct the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra in the Touch the Walls, Touch the Light open-air event.

Versatility is a way of life with Legrand, who doesn't like the word career: "A career is when you do one thing only, and I'm very careful about not staying on the same track. I sing, I play jazz, conduct classical music, compose jazz. I want to be part of every possible adventure in music."

Legrand's impressive 200-title-long filmography includes the music to *Yentl*, *The Umbrellas of Cherbourg*, *Ice Station Zebra*, Jean-Luc Godard's *Bande a part* ("Band of Outsiders"), Jacques Demy's *Lola* and *La Bata des anges* ("Bay of Angels"), *Switching Channels*, *The Thomas Crown Affair*, Richard Lester's *The Three Musketeers*, Richard Brooks's *The Happy Ending* and the James Bond flick *Never Say Never Again*.

The Umbrellas of Cherbourg (1964) was the first ever musical film that was sung throughout, but it has never appeared in a commercial recording.

"Finally it will be out on two CDs on Sony, the entire work," says Legrand. It will be the original sound track with all the singers who worked in front of the mikes while the actors, headed by the stunning young Catherine Deneuve, were acting in front of the cameras.

"In the beginning Jacques [Demy] wanted it to be a normal

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

film with some music. But I wanted a musical so we tried it with songs and dialogue and it didn't work and so then we simply abandoned it because we had a terrible time switching between dialogue and music. So one day I asked Jacques why not do it entirely sung and thus solve the problem. We tried it and it didn't work. But then one day we were on vacation together and suddenly it all came through. And then within one month I scored it."

The movie will be shown as part of Tel Aviv's French Film Festival. The success of the film led to an attempt to stage the musical in the US about 15 years ago. "But Jacques and the director did not seem to agree and so we decided to keep it like it is on the film and not change a thing. And Jacques asked me that I will never agree to any stage version, just a concert one. Who knows, some day I might do a complete concert performance of the film."

Yentl, for which Legrand won one of his two Academy Awards, is probably the only musical in which all the songs are performed by one singer, Barbra Streisand, who in this case was the producer, director and star as well.

Despite the Jewish-accented music for the film, Legrand himself is not Jewish. "All my friends are Jewish and in America I score all the Jewish music. Whenever there is a Jewish film they always come to me, which I like."

He is a quick worker who is very much inspired by the film he scores. "Once you have a definition of the style then I love to write quickly. Writing for film is simple because you tell a story. The film always inspires me; with the help of these films I find music that I wouldn't have found otherwise. You really have to follow what the movie wants to hear. I look many many times at the film and look and look before I start composing."

LEGRAND never listens to his own finished compositions. "I have a strange attitude towards things I did in the past. I don't want to be turned to the past, never. It's

always the future that interests me. I want no regrets and no pleasures from my past. And I listen only once, and that just for technical reasons, to all my recordings."

Which is why he wouldn't take any of his own recordings to a desert island.

"What keeps me alive is to know more. Listening to your own stuff you don't learn anything, it's not productive and I hate it. And so for a desert island I should choose not between two or three discs but between 2,000 or at least 200. Less would be frustrating and I'd rather have none."

These days Legrand works much less for film. Rather he prefers to write for the lyric stage. "I want to write real musical scores of musicals for stage and screen. I just finished a musical comedy for Paris which is in the opera buffa style and I'm working on an opera." But he is not going to provide even a hint regarding his new works' content: "I hate to tell [about] it when it's too early."

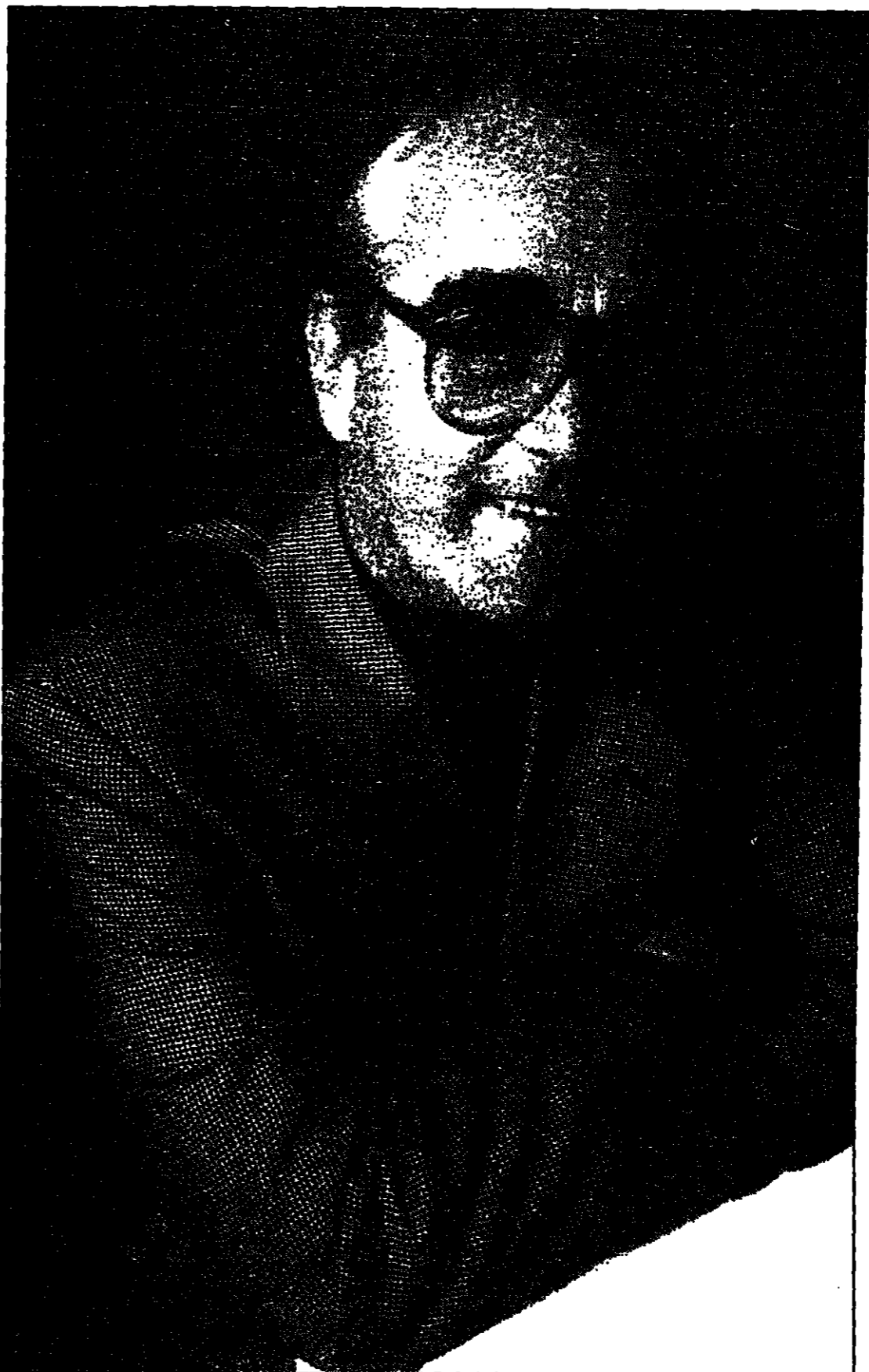
He's not impressed by the current state of musicals.

"Today the successful musicals are footwork kind of music with no subject, no story, no music, and no lyrics - just extraordinary sets and effects, artificial effects like helicopters. But the content of the work is so thin."

What he does like are the works of Sondheim, including *Into the Woods*, *Sunday in the Park with George* and even *Passion*.

Legrand likes to keep himself busy, as he is nervous when idle. "I'm a very busy person and I enjoy it because I'm a lazy person. I want to occupy every possible hole in my life and I never stop. When I'm not working my head is going crazy and that makes me extremely furious and it's also tiring. When I work, I do one thing and concentrate on it. It's much more relaxing to work than not to work."

Legrand makes his home in Paris where he feels "like an old tree, my roots are here. I tried living in London, Rome, New York and Los Angeles but it is here in Paris that I'm most happiest. I love the city, I love the people, all my friends are here and they are indispensable."



Sound track composer Michel Legrand will appear as part of the French Film Festival in Tel Aviv.

Opera fit for a king

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

ALTHOUGH inspired by the Bible, David Loden left Israel in order to write his opera *David and Bathsheba*, which will premiere tomorrow in Jerusalem.

"I traveled to a tiny village in the mountains of Cyprus and composed it all there over the course of seven months," said the 60-year-old white-bearded New York native, who has lived here for decades.

The contrarian in Loden also comes out in his approach to the work. Don't look for the famous rooftop scene in which the king watches Bathsheba bathing.

He is interested in the consequences of this event and the eventual sin that followed.

"I'm not an expert, but from what I can understand there seems to be a need for soul-searching in this country, and especially after the events of the past year," says Loden in a crowded Tel Aviv cafe.

And if this is the case, he says, "the whole subject of repentance is best exemplified in the life of David. When he was shown his sin he turned around and repented, while King Saul, for example, tried to find other people to blame for his sins."

The genesis of this new opus was a work for orchestra and choir based on Psalm 51, David's song of repentance. "It all grew from this and I felt I needed a larger framework. I'm interested in what people do and do not do, in what they say, and I was interested by the experience behind that, which led David to write this enormous piece."

Loden's new opus is entirely based on the holy scriptures. "Most of the libretto is the actual verses from the Bible, Samuel II:12 and Psalms 51, 128 and 25. The rest of the libretto I wrote myself."

The coming production, with a budget of \$300,000, is all privately funded. "It's the first work I have done of such magnitude, and believe me it was far easier to write than to produce," Loden says. "There is already interest in holding performances in Los Angeles, New York and London although nothing is signed and sealed at the moment."

Loden's is not opera in the classical sense. "We call it an operatic musical. It has melodious rhythms. The second act is more symphonic in nature. It's tonal music which is easy on the ears. And the singing is of course all in Hebrew."

Loden traveled especially to New York to audition for the lead singers. "My David is tenor Chris Holloway, Bathsheba is mezzo Donna Stephenson and Nathan is baritone Stan Blain." And there is an additional chorus as well as an orchestra, the Israel Sinfonietta, Beersheba conducted by Menahem Nebenhaus.

Will the new opera anger religious people? Is Loden presenting a David that might be different from the national consensus? "I'm afraid this could be the case. I want to break the iconic image of David and present the real David."

It will be premiered, in a fully staged production, tomorrow night at the Sherover Theater in Jerusalem with seven further performances slated for the Noga Theater in Jaffa, Netanya and Haifa in the next few days.

Sugar and spice and a few things not so nice

ANNA

★★

Written and directed by Nikita Mikhalkov. Hebrew title: *Anna*, 100 minutes. Russian dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Please note: no film has no English subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.

With Nikita and Anna Mikhalkov.

SHOT on the sly over 13 years' time, *Anna* is billed as a documentary about the eldest of Russian director Nikita Mikhalkov's four children. (The youngest, Nadia, was the tiny star of his last film, *Burnt By the Sun*.) Indeed, it seems at first to be taking mild shape as a samizdat home movie.

Off-camera in an early scene, the filmmaker-dad asks a cute little girl with a blonde ponytail and bright

orange jumpsuit a series of simple questions: What are you afraid of? What do you love? What do you hate? What do you want more than anything in the world? Anna makes a funny face and rolls her eyes, then giggles her answers: she's afraid of the witch ("because she has a long nose"), she loves nature, hates bolshevik and wants a crocodile.

As the film proceeds and his daughter grows older and slightly less adorable, Mikhalkov continues to ask her the same questions. Meanwhile, he reminds us, great changes are taking place in their country - changes he seems to think justify the fact that, in the end, *Anna* is hardly about Anna.

With each interview, the true subject of the film strays further and further from the girl and her development, and closer and closer to the father and his pompous declara-

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tions about the Motherland. The portrait that emerges - of the dad, not the daughter - is less than flattering: Anna may not matter as a vital character in the film, but her coming-of-age in the context of a changing Soviet Union certainly does provide the director with a neat pretext for rambling on about the evils of Empire. (When the girl cries, to take just one example, Mikhalkov leaps to the rather absurd conclusion that she's crying for her homeland. It doesn't seem to occur to him that something else, something less melodramatic or perfectly suited to his movie's theme, might be irking her.)

Most of the film, in fact, has nothing whatsoever to do with Anna. In a booming voice-over,

ning with Brezhnev, Soviet premiers kept dying, one right after the other, and each state funeral provided Mikhalkov with a brand new photo-op, a fresh excuse to pump his daughter for her pre-programmed political views - and in this way to demonstrate the brainwashing that took place in the Soviet school system.

In one such case, little Anna, all dressed up and serious, stares hard at her father before offering each answer. She speaks slowly, deliberately, as if worried that there might be only one correct response. "What frightens you most?" he asks, somberly.

"That there might not be another leader as great as Brezhnev." "What do you want to happen now?" "For the party leaders to choose another president soon." "And what do you love more

than anything?"

Here, Anna looks up sheepishly and blushes, then fixes her gaze on the floor: "When you're at home."

"What?" he wants her to say it louder, again.

"When you're at home." The interview is maddening and painful to watch.

Is the dad, we wonder, completely oblivious to his adoring daughter's emotional needs, or to the fact that she may not be expressing her true beliefs but what she thinks he wants to hear?

Or is he such a controlling narcissist that he actually enjoys coaxing from her the answers he's already expecting? Ultimately, these sequences function much like the agitprop Mikhalkov is so quick to knock: they reveal a great deal, though not necessarily what their creators intended.

Cameri nurtures local playwrights

HELEN KAYE

HANOCH Levin's *Hefetz* ("Object") will open the Tel Aviv Cameri Theater's '96-'97 season in September on the main stage, followed by *Haftagot* ("Sailings"), a new play by local playwright Shulamit Lapid at Tel Aviv Tzaviv.

The other two new productions are Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* and a new play by Ronald Harwood, *Taking Sides*.

There'll be no big names imported to take the leading roles, rather the lineup and the casting follow artistic director Omri Nitzan's theatrical strategy of "our ongoing policy to nurture original playwrighting, to present the classics in a contemporary and local approach, to offer new plays from the world canon all performed by the ensemble which we've have been building for the last three years."

Other Israeli plays include a new comedy from Ephraim Kishon, the first new play he's written for the local stage in more than 20 years, called *Judgment Day* based on the Bible.

There is also *The Whore from Ohio* by Levin, *Knesset Nichbada* ("Honorable Knesset"), a satirical comedy set in the Knesset cafeteria from the team of Rami Danon and Amnon Levi, and *Hasayeret Hayeruka* ("Green Patrol") by Daniella Carmi, which is billed as a confrontation between Negev Beduin and a reserve pla-

toon with orders to move them from their land.

As well as Shakespeare, the Cameri will present Arthur Miller's adaptation of *The Master Builder* by Ibsen and Lorea's *Blood Wedding*, transposed to an Arab village, among others.

Both Nitzan and general manager Noam Semel have been appointed for a second term. Some of the season's new productions will be performed in Cameri Cameri, the theater's new in-house hall.

The \$500,000 renovation of the theater's current rehearsal room, due to start in early summer, will result in a 220-seat modular space. There are also plans for a general interior and exterior facelift of the theater, including another two stories on the roof, which are budgeted at \$2.5 million.

The Cameri's '96 budget is NIS 41.2 million, about half of which is from public funding. The theater ended fiscal '95 with an NIS 700,000 operating surplus, Semel said, and added that the Cameri had given 1000 performances, half of these outside Tel Aviv.

The theater's subscription drive (30,000 subscribers are expected) has begun with prices starting as low as NIS 80 for a four-ticket student series up to NIS 889 for seven shows. The practice of simultaneous English translations on Tuesday nights will continue.

'Seagull' is still flying high after all these years

"READING over my newborn piece, I become convinced once more that I am not a playwright at all," grumbled Anton Pavlovich Chekhov in a letter to a friend.

The play was *The Seagull* which when it premiered in St. Petersburg in 1896 was practically booed off the stage. Then, two years later, came the production, the actor/director and the theater which went on to become theatrical legend.

Konstantin Stanislavsky directed the play for the Moscow Art Theater and himself played one of the leads, the novelist Trigorin. When the first act ended there was dead silence. The actors paled and started to shake. Olga Knipper, who was playing Nina and who later married Chekhov, started to cry.

And then, wave upon wave of

applause crashed over the actors, too startled to bow. The Moscow Art Theater, Stanislavsky and Chekhov had, undeniably and forever, made it.

Now, 100 years later, both *The Seagull* and the Moscow Art Theater are coming to Israel.

Not even Stalin dared touch the MAT. Oleg Yefremov, who's been the MAT's artistic director since 1970, created the current production in 1980, and it's been going strong ever since. (The Russian repertory theaters keep productions going for decades with new

casts and periodic updates.)

The MAT has another production that certainly could never have been performed in the pre-perestroika USSR. It's Isaac Bashevis Singer's *Tebele* and *Her Demon*, the story of a forbidden love set amid the ignorance and superstitions of a Polish shtetl at the end of the last century.

Both productions are in Russian with simultaneous translation into Hebrew. The first performance of *The Seagull* is at the Haifa Auditorium on Wednesday while *Tebele* opens on May 5 at the

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Noga Theater in Jaffa. Both productions will play in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv.

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The Jerusalem Post, together with the Association of Americans & Canadians in Israel, the British OIIM Society, the Hitachdut OIei Britannia, the English Speaking Resident's Association, and the South African Zionist Federation (Israel), will be holding a series of public forums in English in Netanya, Tel Aviv, Ra'anana, Jerusalem, Carmiel, Nahariya, Haifa and Beersheba, at which the various political parties will present their policies. FULL DETAILS SHORTLY.

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Shaath's complaint

PALESTINIAN Authority Planning Minister Nabil Shaath attempted on Saturday to dispel doubts about the Palestinian National Council's decision on the PLO Covenant. Branding questions raised about the sincerity of the decision "totally demagogic," he told The Jerusalem Post that "the PNC has made a decision to change the covenant by canceling it. What is left to the future is to create a new covenant." Unfortunately, Shaath's protest only reinforces the troubling doubts about the meaning of the PNC resolution. He asserts that the covenant, which denies the Jews' right to nationhood and calls for Israel's destruction, has been canceled. But this is most emphatically not what the PNC decision says. The published part of the PNC resolution states quite clearly: "The charter will be amended by canceling the articles contradicting the letters of recognition between the PLO and the State of Israel." The future tense makes it clear that in contravention of the PLO's commitment to abolish the offensive articles in the covenant by May 7, not a single article has yet been canceled. One of the reasons it is difficult to determine what exactly the resolution means is that it was sent in a secret session. Puzzlingly, in the official protocol released at the conclusion of the PNC session, there is no mention at all of the resolution. The only source of information about its contents is Wafa, the Palestinian news agency, and the Arab press. Nor is it possible to find agreement among those who attended the session. Haidar Abdel-Shafi, the former head of the Palestinian negotiations team in Madrid and Washington and one of the PNC's most prominent members, says that only two covenant articles are under consideration for possible change. Another PNC member enumerated four articles. Shaath himself, contradicting his own assertion that there was a blanket cancellation of the charter, told the Post "My feeling is that there are 16 articles that are canceled." Feeling? Surely this momentous move, hailed by Prime Minister Shimon Peres as the most important development in the region in the past 100 years, can be summed up by something more concrete than a mere "feeling." It would be particularly enlightening if Shaath would respond to the various "demagogues" by naming the 16 articles about which he has this feeling, and revealing what he expects to replace them. After all, these demagogues include not only Likud MK Ze'ev Begin and the Post - the specific targets of Shaath's

wrath. The most prominent expert on Palestinian nationalism, former Meretz Knesset candidate Hebrew University Prof. Yehoshua Porat has described the "revocation of the covenant," so lustily hailed throughout the world, as a deception. Until Israeli intelligence comes up with an exact report about what happened in the secret session, one can only surmise that the delegates voted on what PNC chairman Selim Za'atun has called "a plan to change the covenant." In effect, the PNC has postponed the actual changes until after Israel's elections and the beginning of the "final status" negotiations. The stratagem is clear: If the PLO is satisfied with the progress in these talks, it will make changes in the language of some of the covenant articles which explicitly call for dismantling Israel. What these changes will be and what will replace them is still unknown. But if Yasser Arafat's opening speech at the Gaza session last week and his pronouncements in interviews are any indication, the changes may not be an improvement. Addressing the PNC, Arafat asked the participants to reinforce the Palestinian position at the forthcoming final status negotiations by removing "the pretexts which would be used by the Israeli government...to obstruct these negotiations." It was not, then, an appeal to think peace rather than destruction, but to deprive Israel of an excuse to slow the withdrawal. The worst was yet to come: "Yes, [we now have] the Palestinian national entity and the Palestinian National Authority, which our PNC endorsed in 1974. The PNC then endorsed the establishment of a National Authority on any part of the Palestinian territory which is liberated or from which Israelis withdraw." And as if to remind his listeners where his loyalties belonged, he proclaimed: "I greet our...heroic detainees headed by [Hamas founder] Sheikh Ahmad Yassin...I extend my thanks to Mauritania, Sudan, steadfast Iraq [apause], Libya and my brother Gaddafi." And in an interview in the Jordanian paper Al-Dustur, he said again, "In 1974, the 12th PNC session endorsed the establishment of an authority over any land that is liberated or from which Israel withdraws." The 1974 resolution to which Arafat repeatedly refers is the phased plan for Israel's destruction. Clearly, if the present covenant is to be changed at all, it will happen only a few months after the Knesset elections. And it will be replaced by the subtler "plan of stages." There is a significant tactical difference between the two. But the aim is the same.



Israel's blurred vision

The government, under pressure from public opinion to act following Hizbullah's firing of Katyushas on the North, went along heartily with IDF recommendations for a military response. It believed that pressure on the Lebanese government from refugees and the economic price extracted by Israeli bombing would engender greater Syrian constraints on Hizbullah's freedom of action. Yet Operation Grapes of Wrath ended with understandings that are hardly better than the previous ones, that again leave Syria's Hafiz Assad the final arbiter of what Hizbullah may or may not do in Lebanon. Israel was misguided in its use of force. It spared politically important targets, and failed to perceive the true consequences of its actions. The government seemed unaware that the Syrians, who effectively control the situation, couldn't care less about the well-being of the Lebanese, and that the mode of military action chosen actually enhanced Assad's international status and bargaining position vis-a-vis Israel. Clearly Assad has little incentive to cooperate as long as Israel is ready to allow him to take all of Lebanon, and appears extremely reluctant to exact a price for Syrian-encouraged attacks against Israel from Lebanon. This reluctance - perceived as weakness by our neighbors - is rooted in the unfounded assumption that attacking Syrian targets in Lebanon will undermine the peace process. In fact the Syrians are dragging their feet in the negotiations with us precisely because they no longer fear military action against them. Such fear was the main reason Syria joined the Madrid Conference in the aftermath of the Gulf war. Today the Labor-led government

and the Clinton administration are viewed as less threatening than the Bush-Baker team. A similar faulty assumption, typical of liberal thinking, was that creating a refugee problem and attacking Lebanon's economic infrastructure would be politically effective. This assumption, however, exaggerated the importance of economic factors in the strategic equation. Economic pressure rarely works against an opponent who is determined and highly motivated. The belief that such pressure could set in motion a political process conducive to Israeli interests (even as defined by the Labor-led government) was naive in light of Syria's clear understanding that Israel was unwilling to escalate its military operations so as to endanger Syrian interests in Lebanon. The government's strategic blindness has saved only to delay the conclusion of an agreement with Syria, condemning the north of Israel to live under the continuous threat of Katyusha fire. The writer is associate professor of political studies and director of the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies at Bar-Ilan University.

Similarly, the IDF and the political echelon should have realized that those TV pictures, shown in real time, were also setting a political clock for Israel's operations. This awareness of a time limit, once an integral part of Israeli military planning, has unfortunately become forgotten. It was obvious that there would be mounting international pressure on Israel to end its operation, even without the tragedy at Kana. In contrast, precision attacks on Syrian military targets would have evoked appreciation of Israeli military might, and would have pointed up Syria's role in Lebanon as an occupying force and harbinger of terrorist organizations and drug trafficking. More important, such action would have pressured Assad to demonstrate flexibility in Lebanon and in the peace negotiations. Considering the current mood toward Damascus in Washington, this would have pleased the Americans. The government's desire for peace with Syria has blinded its strategic vision. Assad is the one who needs punishing, not the Lebanese; Assad is the one who needed pressuring to request a cease-fire. And Assad is certainly not the one to whom we should be looking for agreement regarding our freedom of military action. The government's strategic blindness has saved only to delay the conclusion of an agreement with Syria, condemning the north of Israel to live under the continuous threat of Katyusha fire. The writer is associate professor of political studies and director of the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies at Bar-Ilan University.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

VISIT TO HEBRON Sir, - On a recent Shabbat, we were invited to join a small group of... who chartered a bus to spend the weekend in Hebron. The primary purpose of our trip was to give support and strength to its Jewish community of only 50 families (about 400 people) as they felt abandoned and literally sacrificed on the altar of the Oslo peace process. It proved to be meaningful, enlightening and most inspirational experience to all of us. Space does not permit me to relate the many feelings we shared; service at the Machpela Cave for Kabbalat Shabbat in a spirit that this writer had never experienced before; listening to the harrowing experiences of Rebbitzen Miriam Levinger (whose husband is at this writing in jail) as the community is harassed by the Israeli police; and many other upsetting emotions we felt. The town is overwhelmed by the Arab community and heavily guarded by our IDF; it made this writer recall his feelings back in the days of World War II when he was among the besieged soldiers in the Battle of the Bulge in Bastogne, Belgium, and only the intercession of Divine Forces saved the American troops so trapped. When days are being counted before the redeployment of our troops from Hebron by our government, we again pray that Divine intercession will prevail and enable this Holy Site of Hebron to remain in the hands of that community of dedicated and sacrificing stalwarts and thus safeguard the holy shrines of our biblical history. ALBERT RATHNER Netanya. INCITEMENT Sir, - John De Frece says the March 29 advertisement by "Americans for the safeguarding of democracy in Israel" challenging the detention of Rabbi Yitzhak Ginsburgh "constitutes for your paper a further descent to the gutter" (Letters, April 19). He calls the ad "criminal" and "clearly designed to incite. All the more so after the assassination." Along the way De Frece engages in group character assassination as he charges "religious racist-fascists... created the climate for one of them to murder our democratically elected prime minister." On the day the ad appeared, The Jerusalem Post reported Supreme Court Justice Dalia Dorner's decision that there was no basis for the detention of Rabbi Ginsburgh - the first administrative detention overturned because of insufficient grounds. The Post story also reported the foreign ministry's circulation of a statement to Israeli consulates justifying the detention. One wonders if the Foreign Ministry circulated Justice Dorner's decision. De Frece is among those for whom prime minister Rabin's tragic assassination created an open season for character assassination largely based on a police state concept of "incitement." JOSEPH LERNER Jerusalem. RESIGN! Sir, - Following the recent terrorist suicide attacks and the many casualties in Lebanon, I fully expected our prime minister and minister of defense to resign, as would have happened case in any other civilized democratic country. It is obvious that the recent tragedies are a direct result of his failed policies in his eagerness to please the world and foremost the Arabs. Mr. Peres has sacrificed Israel's security system, jeopardizing the lives of our civil-

OP-ED ARTICLES Sir, - Although it may not be immediately apparent, the title which describes the author of an op-ed article (which is generally included in italics at the end of the article) is quite important. This is so because it allows the reader to draw his own conclusions about the relative objectivity of an opinion - or the lack thereof. A case in point is an article by Uri Avnery (April 15), at the end of which he is described as a columnist for Ma'ariv. Mr. Avnery is best known for his activities on behalf of the creation of a PLO state and has participated, with his Arab colleagues, in demonstrations (sometimes violent) against Jewish settlements. To describe him as a columnist for Ma'ariv is equivalent to calling Ariel Sharon a columnist for Yediot Aharnot or The Jerusalem Post, for both of which he occasionally writes. Or Moshe Levinger as a columnist for Nekkuda, the magazine of the settlement movement. Since the two prime functions of an editorial commentator are to represent the life about him accurately and to criticize it honestly, it is important for the reader to be able to evaluate whether these goals are being reached or even attempted. The proper choice of title for the author of an opinion is a requisite for its evaluation. JAY SHAPIRO Givat Shmiron. INSULTING OFFERING Sir, - As a Holocaust survivor, born and raised in Nazi Germany, I must strongly protest against the performance of the play A Jew named Siss at the Israel Festival. Jud Siss was one of the foremost tools of Joseph Goebbels's propaganda machine in the art of Jew-hatred, thus paving the way via Kristallnacht to the Final Solution. Jud Siss also served as a blueprint for the infamous Sturmer Jude, which appeared almost daily in this Nazi newspaper. This performance is an insult to every living Jew, and a crime against the dead, and I suggest it be removed from the Israel Festival. BRIGITTE NENNER-RINGER Jerusalem.

Opting against, not for

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF drawal from the Golan, though it should be noted that in the absence of such a withdrawal, there simply will be no agreement. But even here voting for Peres doesn't automatically mean giving up the Golan, for the reason that Peres has undertaken (and this was reconfirmed in Labor's new platform approved by the Labor Party Conference last Thursday) that any agreement reached with Syria will be brought before the public for approval in a referendum. The third reason my acquaintance cited for voting against Peres has to do with the fact that the prime minister has difficulty with making people feel fully confident in him, despite his impressive record of achievements on behalf of the state. IT ISN'T easy to explain what it is about Peres that makes people distrust him. It might have to do with the fact that he tries too hard to please and impress everyone, which frequently results in his saying things which seem, or even are, inconsistent with each other. Another problem could be this: Despite the fact that Peres's thinking is visibly multidimensional, unlike David Ben-Gurion, whom he seems eager to emulate, the man is actually not a very deep thinker.

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On our own

DAVID FORMAN I recently joined an internet program that discusses issues facing American Jews. Every day there are dozens of postings from Jewish lay and religious leaders on a variety of subjects of Jewish concern. One would think that Israel would engage these people, particularly as a minivan raged in the north of our country. But during the entire first two weeks of Operation Grapes of Wrath, there wasn't one entry on what was happening. Frustrated, I asked if anyone cared about what is going on in Israel. A flood of responses filled my e-mail. And almost all confirmed what I had long suspected - that there is a real lack of interest in Israel. Three responses are worth sharing, telling us clearly that we here in Israel are on our own. One writer noted that American Jews are enmeshed in local issues. Israel is 6,000 miles away, and anyway it has demonstrated its competence in fending off villains from Nasser to Saddam Hussein. So why should American Jews worry if a few Katyushas fall on Kiryat Simona? Isn't this an old story? And Israel making war in Lebanon is an old story. Americans love new stories - new fads, new rock stars, new TV comedies, new clothes, new cars. The writer recently visited Israel, he related. On his return to the US no one had expressed the slightest interest in his trip. "No one asks anything... zero, nada, zilch!" We're no longer in the '60s, when American Jews exulted in Israel's victory in the Six Day War. It's no longer Yom Kippur 1973, when they went into a frenzy over Israel. It isn't even the winter of 1991, when American Jews shivered as they watched CNN and saw Scuds raining down on Israel. Another correspondent added that since most American Jews never visualize themselves moving to Israel, there is little to no focus on it. Peace is breaking out, and so the American Jewish leadership can no longer use a besieged Israel as a means to raise funds. And the American Jewish community is beginning to resent Israel. Not because of anything we've done, but because Israel was sold to the American Jewish community as the "silver bullet" that would stop intermarriage and assimilation. Now it has become apparent that this hasn't worked. American Jews must look inward. They now see their future in synagogue or local community involvement. Why support Israel when American Jews are drowning at home? Thus the American Jewish community circles the wagons trying to survive; feeling that "peace" has ended its duty to Israel, "skirmishes" in Lebanon and suicide bombings notwithstanding. Another entry sums up the bulk of the responses I received: "Israel is no longer at the heart of American Jewish identity. It is on the periphery of its consciousness." BUT there is no such thing as Jews isolating themselves. Even if they try, the non-Jewish world won't allow it. Jews and Judaism are judged by what Israel does; Israel is the lightning rod by which Jewish behavior is measured. More significantly, it is simply dehumanizing for any Jew to think there can be any kind of Jewish continuity or renaissance in any part of the world that lacks Israel as a focus. Throughout history, the centrality of Israel and the possibility of return has informed the Jewish passion to build a rich cultural and religious life in the Diaspora. Israel has not failed American Jews. American Jews simply do not take Israel seriously, being satisfied with a few donated dollars and 10-day "quickie" tours. For Diaspora Jews to believe that they can fashion a Jewish identity and future in splendid isolation is the sure recipe for continued assimilation. It was not an Israel at war that I asked these Jewish leaders to address, but rather an Israel which has served historically as the lifeline for Jewish perpetuity. Katyushas falling on Kiryat Simona will not threaten Israel's survival. But American Jews' indifference to those Katyushas will most certainly threaten theirs. The writer is spokesperson of...

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Happy Days Are Here Again! Right, Voters?



John S. Dylkes

By DAVID E. SANGER

BILL CLINTON wrote the book on how to run against the economy in 1992, when the country was in a recessionary funk and the now-famous "It's the Economy, Stupid!" sign hung in his campaign headquarters. Four years later, he is discovering that it is far harder to take credit for an essentially well-paved economy — 8.5 million jobs created, exports surging — that is cratered by one large pothole: the much-documented if inchoate anxiety that jobs are less secure than ever and that wages are going nowhere, unless you're in the loftiest executive suite. After months of internal bickering, the Administra-

tion is finally rolling out its economic theme song for Campaign '96: Look at what a great job we've done! The refrain: For the next four years, we'll ease the pain of the hard-working souls caught in the transition from the old economy to the new one. A happy tune, but it leaves open the question of how to get much mileage from statistics that are the envy of the G-7 allies, who don't vote, but little solace to American workers who do.

Bored by the Details

Fortunately for Clinton campaign strategists, however befuddling the nation's economic mood looks to them, it has truly left Bob Dole flummoxed. His own advisers concede that the whole subject of job insecurity and wages bores him. That may explain his awkward

It's not easy to get political mileage from prosperity that doesn't show in paychecks.

handling of the minimum wage debate, an example of what can happen to politicians who wander aimlessly into the minefield of the economic inequality debate. "You can't have an economic strategy until the candidate sits down and develops one," one of Mr. Dole's colleagues and supporters in the Senate fumed on Thursday, as Democrats popped up on the evening

news portraying Mr. Dole as the enemy of workers struggling to stay off welfare on a measly \$4.25 an hour. It's still early in the campaign, and Mr. Dole may yet step forward with a convincing economic pitch. But the Republicans have been struggling to find an economic agenda for six months now, and Mr. Dole would be forgiven for wishing for the comparative simplicity of the economy that faced Mr. Clinton in 1992. Then the issue was reviving American industry and making the world's biggest economy competitive against a host of external threats. Mr. Clinton's answer was one part "Putting People First," one part tough trade talk and one part big Government programs like Al Gore's "information superhighway."

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Hero Worship

Longing for a New Lone Genius



Edward Keating/The New York Times

For centuries, the Lone Genius has been idolized. But great minds, however extraordinary, are never truly alone on their journeys to discovery.

By JAMES ATLAS

ONE of the most surprising literary sensations this spring is a tiny volume, "Longitude," by Dava Sobel, about an obscure 18th-century inventor. Subtitled "The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time," Ms. Sobel's book has people in the publishing industry puzzling over the secret of its success. Is it the bite-size format? The book's handsome appearance? Simple nostalgia? Here's another thought: "Longitude" is popular because it celebrates individual genius — the way a single compelling idea can change the world. In a time increasingly dominated by technology, when we doubt our very ability to master the complex organization of the society in which we live, the thought of a private vision working its way to public consciousness — altering the contours of reality — seems all the more appealing for being such an unlikely scenario. (Which doesn't mean it can't happen.) The great 19th-century thinkers believed in their capacity to change the world; 20th-century thinkers are daunted by the challenge of understanding it.

Marx, Freud, Darwin, Einstein. Where are their likes today?

John Harrison, the book's subject, was a reclusive rural clockmaker who invented the chronometer, solving a problem that had eluded scientists for two centuries: how to navigate accurately at sea. It took Harrison four decades to get it right and collect the British Government's £12,000 (some \$20 million by today's reckoning). The Great Man used to be one of our cherished myths, but it's gone out of fashion now. Half a century ago, in "To the Finland Station," Edmund Wilson narrated the history of modern revolutions by portraying the figures who furnished the ideas behind them: the 19th-century French intellectuals Michelet and Proudhon; the Utopians Fourier and Owen; Marx and Engels, Lenin and Trotsky. Twenty years later, in "The Tangled Bank," Stanley Edgar Hyman produced

a collective biography of the quartet of 19th-century thinkers who brought us into the 20th century: Marx, Darwin, Freud and the Scottish anthropologist Sir James Frazer. In Mr. Hyman's eyes, these figures of genius — all of them men, it should probably be noted — conjured up their world-altering ideas in heroic isolation, drawing on the ideas of their predecessors but ultimately arriving at their most significant insights on their own. For Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hyman, the history of ideas is the history of individuals — what you might call the Lone Genius school. If these loners had precursors (try to imagine Marx developing his theory of dialectical materialism without Hegel), the contributions they had made were incidental. It was in originality that greatness lay. But intellectual history — the idea of ideas — has itself undergone a radical transformation, perhaps without our fully realizing it. The great ideas of our time are thought to be collective products; their inspiration has been collaborative. What are these ideas? I can think of three:

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help mute the
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A Baffling Endgame in the Mideast

By SERGE SCHMEMANN

BECAUSE this is the Middle East," goes the old punch line to a long series of anecdotes that purport to explain situations that defy common logic. If there was any need to illustrate the genesis of the format, last week had it all.

There was Israel furiously bombing Lebanon in order to stampede Lebanese civilians, in order to force Syria to force Hezbollah guerrillas to stop firing Katyusha rockets at northern Israel — which they were doing to drive Israeli troops from a wedge of Lebanon that Israel occupies in order to protect its northern regions.

And there was Secretary of State Warren Christopher urgently shuttling back and forth, accompanied by a coterie of other foreign ministers. He was trying to shape a cease-fire arrangement that would at least restrict Israel and Hezbollah to fighting each other without terrorizing their respective civilian populations.

Mr. Christopher finally succeeded, just in time to enable Prime Minister Shimon Peres to go to Washington for a visit that was originally intended to advance a new campaign against terrorism, launched by the United States last month after a spate of terrible suicide bombings in Israel by Islamic guerrillas of Hamas.

If that's clear so far, read on. While all this was going on in Lebanon, a different show altogether was under way in Gaza, only a few hours' drive south. There, Yasir Arafat convened the Palestine National Council, the old parliament-in-exile of the Palestine Liberation Organization, in order to strip the P.L.O.'s charter of its two most fundamental ideas — armed struggle and the destruction of the "Zionist entity."

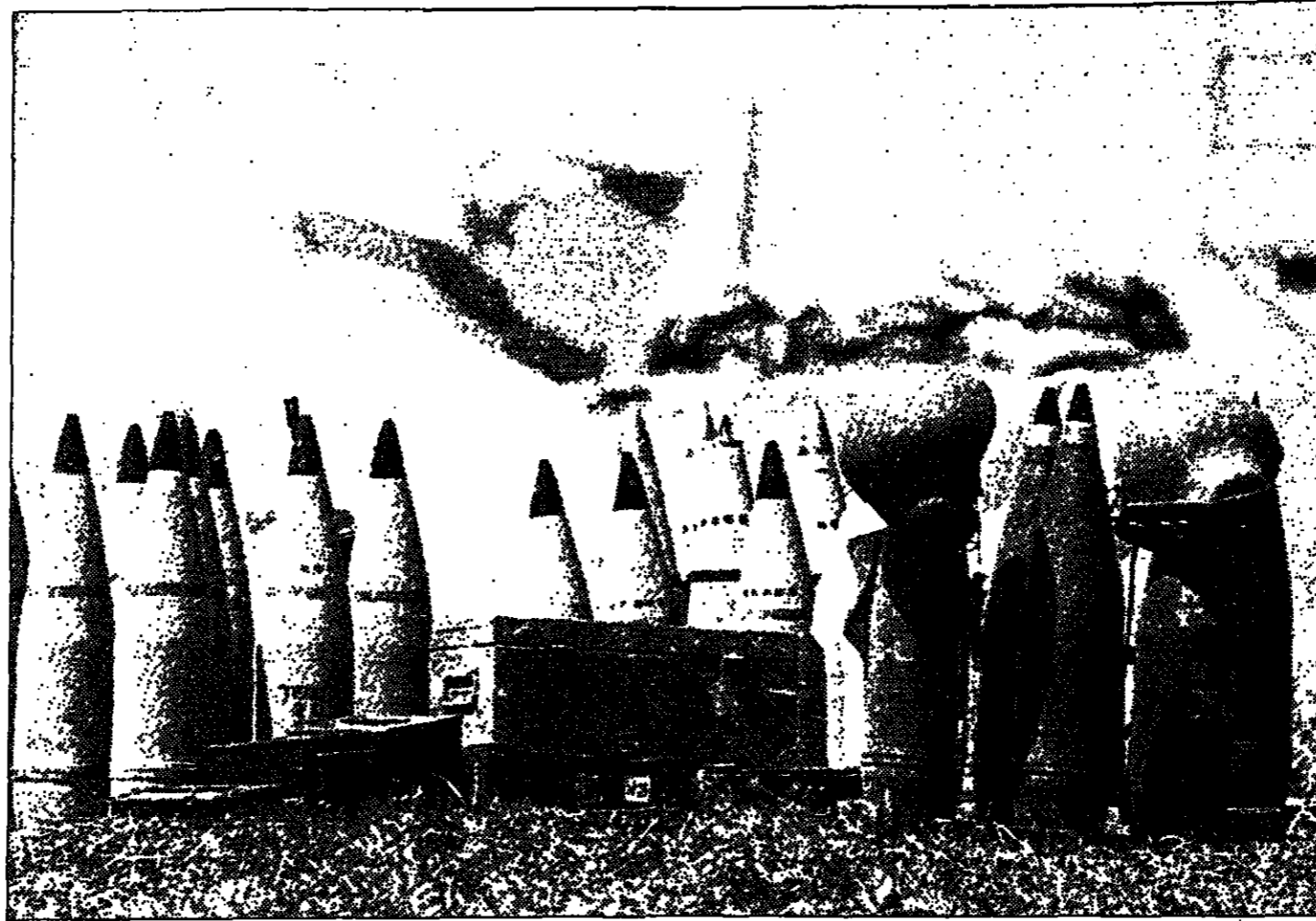
Remember Me?

The participants were a veritable Who's Who of old terrorists, all granted the right of safe return by Israel so that they would change the charter — all while Israel and Mr. Arafat's Palestinian Authority were fiercely hunting for a new generation of militants, from the Islamic group Hamas.

The rich drama and irony of the moment was summarized in the image of Abu Abbas — the mastermind behind the hijacking of the Achille Lauro cruise ship a decade ago, during which a disabled American was murdered and thrown overboard — tamely raising his shovel-sized hand up to vote for the change.

The fact that Mr. Arafat got a vote of 504 to 54, with 14 abstentions, testified to his leadership and his ability to persuade the Palestinians, both exiles and those from inside, that "one inch of Palestinian land and our presence on the land of Palestine is more dear than words on paper."

For all the confusion and seeming contradictions of the images cascading in from Tyre, Beirut, Damascus, Qiryat Shemona, Jerusalem and Gaza, several themes ran through them all.



Israeli helmets rest atop artillery shells during a lull in the exchanges of fire along the Lebanon-Israeli border last week.

One was the conviction of Mr. Peres and his Labor Party, and of the United States, and of Mr. Arafat, that keeping Labor in power in the Israeli election scheduled for May 29 was of paramount importance to the prospects of peace. Though Mr. Peres rejected any suggestion that he had or-

The way is now clear for the toughest negotiations of all.

dered "Operation Grapes of Wrath" in Lebanon to shore up his image for toughness, the notion was inescapable, and all Israeli commentators discussed whether the gambit had been wise or useful.

Like the United States, Mr. Arafat seemed to do everything possible to insure that Mr. Peres is re-elected. Not only did he ram through the revisions of the Covenant, but he did it on Israel's independence day. On the next day, the Labor Party returned the favor by voting to lift clauses in the

party platform opposed to the formation of a Palestinian state, and Mr. Peres said that the Israeli withdrawal from Hebron, suspended after the suicide bombings, would be completed by the first week of May.

Another theme that ran through the week's events was a confirmation that the Middle East had moved far from a raw conflict between Arab and Jew, and was now in a complex and sensitive endgame.

It is the potential proximity to the end, to the comprehensive Middle East peace that has eluded the region now for almost half a century, that gives the moves in Lebanon and in Gaza their significance.

In Gaza, the P.L.O.'s formal revocation of an armed struggle to destroy the Jewish state marked a major symbolic milestone, and stripped Israeli right-wingers of a favorite weapon against the peace. The way seems clear for the start of the final and most difficult round of talks envisioned in the 1993 Israeli-Palestinian agreement — the "final status" negotiations that must tackle issues as explosive as the disposition of Jerusalem, the fate of Jewish settlements in the West Bank, the division of water, and Palestinian statehood.

In the north, the immediate effect of the American arrangement — that of stopping

the firing on Lebanese and Israeli civilians — was probably less significant in the long run than the fact that Syria has finally agreed to a written document that assigns it a role in controlling guerrillas in southern Lebanon. Until now, Syria had always purported that this was not its fight, and that it had no interest in stopping guerrillas who were fighting against occupiers. Americans and Israelis expressed hope that the step had brought Syria closer to actually making peace with Israel and thus effectively bringing an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

But the closer they come to the goal, the greater loom the perils. However well Mr. Christopher crafted the compromise, however adeptly Mr. Arafat manipulated his comrades, however successfully Mr. Peres managed his campaign, they all know that one more Hamas suicide bombing, or one more Hezbollah rocket, could throw everything off again.

The very alacrity with which the United States and other governments have reacted to recent Middle East crises testifies to the fragility and sensitivity of every blip, to the fear that the slightest misstep now could derail the whole journey toward peace.

This is still, after all, the Middle East.

Italy's New Politics

Barricades in the Middle of the Road

By CELESTINE BOHLEN

LAST week, a coalition of center-left parties won national elections in Italy, promising an administration in which the left and moderates will work hand in hand. Four days later, the hardy Marxists of the Communist Refounding party — who ran as allies but not members of the victorious coalition — called the faithful to annual rallies celebrating Italy's liberation in 1945. "The fascists sometimes come back," was the dark warning spelled out on posters plastered all over central Rome. "We can stop them — hope is reborn."

In those two events, the paradox of Italy's attitude toward voting was spelled out. If the elections were a step toward a system where two parties, both acceptable to the center, square off on a regular schedule as they do in Germany and Britain, then the rhetoric of the Liberation Day posters was a rumbling echo from another, parallel world, where Communists and Fascists are perpetually locked in mortal combat, fighting over the soul of the nation.

A Way of Life

For many Italians, indeed, politics remains more than a choice between candidates, policy positions and coalitions. It is a source of identity — a way of looking at history, a circle of friends, a dress code, a reading list, a morning newspaper — all of which, taken together, defines someone as being of the right or of the left.

But don't confuse this with how the country is governed. It has been governed from the center ever since World War II because most Italian voters want it that way, and nothing that has happened since the end of the cold war promises anything different. Yes, the party around which so many of the centrist voters used to flock, the Christian Democrats, has collapsed and what is taking its place is a competition between coalitions of the left and of the right. But these are center-left and center-right coalitions, competing for the all-important center voter on the issues, no matter what



Old symbols live in Milan. Communists celebrate the center-left's election victory.

banner the most ardent partisans of either side display. Still, the costumes and banners are very much in evidence.

So even though it was the center-left Olive Tree coalition that won last Sunday, its victory bash at Rome's Piazza S. Apostoli that night was a purely leftist event (except that here olive green flags had replaced the red hammer-and-sickle). The rest was predictable — disheveled students singing the latest pop tunes, casually dressed women and occasional chants of "Enrico," a nostalgic reference to Enrico Berlinguer, the leader of Italy's postwar

Communist Party (ancestor of both the Democratic Party of the Left, which is in the coalition, and the Communist Refounding party, which stands aloof).

Italy is not the only country that has a political identity kit. The leftist intellectual in rumpled clothes and the conservative businessman in a double-breasted suit are clichés everywhere; it is just that in Italy, style and substance have been particularly tightly wrapped, and the old culture is dying hard. The question now is whether the old symbols carry the same meaning.

In the old days, when the Christian Dem-

ocrats absorbed Italian politics like a giant sponge in the center of the road, "left" really did mean Communist, and "right" generally meant neo-fascists, two groups regarded with suspicion by the great mass of moderate Roman Catholics.

As long as the Christian Democrats (who were also of the right, but in a more "church and establishment" kind of way) were around, they absorbed other moderate parties that came along — like the Socialist Party, which, in due course, became part of the Great Center.

The collapse of the old order, upon a wave of corruption scandals in the early 1990's, created a large class of political orphans overnight, and sent the left and right out fishing for their votes. In 1994, the millionaire Silvio Berlusconi moved in from the right with his Forza Italia movement, sweeping up a large share of the former Christian Democrats. Last Sunday, the center-left came back and outdid its rivals, having formed an electoral coalition stuffed with moderate, respectable Catholics, looking and acting for the world like, well, Christian Democrats.

What, Me a Leftist?

Thus when Contessa Donatella Pecci-Blunt held a soiree late in the campaign to present the interim Prime Minister, Lamberto Dini, a former Christian Democrat who was running with the center-left coalition, to the Roman aristocracy, she was playing a little trick on history. "These people," said one guest airily, pointing to the elegant crowd weaving its way through a candle-lit maze of 16th century salons, "used to vote for the Christian Democrats. Now they prefer the right, but she's trying to persuade them to go with Dini, and convince them that does not mean a vote for the left."

The point is that Italian voters — of whom there are 49 million — have moved very little in the last four years, even as one political system came crashing down around their heads, and another staggered to its feet. What has moved are the politicians who, bereft of a center, have redistributed themselves across two broad-based coalitions.

Snubbing Human Rights

By BARBARA CROSSETTE

NOT so long ago, when the cold war was coldest, countries knew where they stood on the issue of human rights. With a few exceptions like the world's condemnation of apartheid, the rule was that the bad guys on the American side weren't really so bad, but the bad guys on the Soviet side were horrible.

When Communism collapsed, everything seemed possible, even in the United Nations, where votes on issues like human rights could in the past be tallied before they were cast. Activists arose in many countries who had never before enjoyed an independent voice. The world held a human rights conference in Vienna in 1993 and dared to enshrine universal concepts. A United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights was named for the first time.

Hold the balloons and whistles. Last week in Geneva at the annual meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, the world got a warning that the trend toward open, nonpolitical discussion of rights might be temporary. China successfully led the charge against scrutiny of itself by rallying support from developing nations with the cry: You could be next! Panicked nations of the third world, now calling themselves the "global South," began work on reforms that human rights organizations and diplomats saw as a direct assault on the institutions and procedures surrounding the 53-nation Human Rights Commission and the United Nations Center for Human Rights here.

The Global South

The nations of the global South, many with spotty records on rights, are a majority, at both the United Nations and in the world. United, they are formidable. Today they are demanding consensus on human rights issues, effectively giving any nation a veto. A resolution that would have applied this practice to the commission was withdrawn last week only when some of these countries calculated how it might be used against them. It will likely return.

"If we analyze the vote on China this week," said Peter van Wulfften Palthe, a Dutch diplomat who is leader of the Netherlands delegation to the commission and one of Europe's most knowledgeable human rights experts, "I think that the most important conclusion is that whether we win or lose depends very much on that year's composition of the commission." This year, China relied on a solid block of African and Asian votes (plus Belarus and Ukraine) to keep it off the commission's agenda.

Geraldine A. Ferraro, who leads the United States delegation to the commission, said that the Chinese, whose efforts failed last year, worked harder on the North-South divide this year by arguing that the richer countries "don't understand our cultures" and always pick on the poorer countries.

The examples of Aung San Suu Kyi almost single-handedly sustaining Burmese hopes for democracy or the Buddhist monks in Vietnam and Tibet bravely campaigning for cultural and religious freedoms give the lie to the cultural argument. As for development, Ms. Ferraro said, "How do we define Singapore or Peru? How do we define developing?"

John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, sees Latin America drifting away from a third-world consensus that human rights scrutiny is an intrusion into national sovereignty. What many countries really fear, he said in an interview here, is "the inexorable pressure that grass roots movements for human rights and democracy are creating." This can drive them into cynical alliances of convenience.

Some Paradoxes

While almost every country champions human rights, many vary over what those rights consist of, and influences range from the political to the cultural.

Foremost among Asian paradoxes, India identifies itself as the world's largest democracy but votes regularly with the most undemocratic regimes on human rights issues. Arundhati Ghose, India's envoy to the U.N. in Geneva, said her country objected to the "finger pointing" method by which poor nations are humiliated.

Ms. Ghose met resistance on child pornography and sex tourism when she asked Germany, Japan, Korea and the Netherlands to join in calling for a ban. "They were willing to say, 'O.K., we can ban child pornography, but we are not willing to ban promotion of sex tours,'" she said. Members of the Human Rights Commission had been shown German ads offering "boys of any color, size or age."

"If we can agree that it's nobody's fault, but it's a bad thing, then we can tackle it together," she said. "The moment you start apportioning blame, people go on the defensive."

Yet the world has accomplished much in the five years since the Soviet Union died, Mr. Shattuck said. "What continues to be a highly divisive process," he said, "is this debate over human rights that takes place annually at the Rights Commission, where China, I think, has now taken very much the same position that the former Soviet Union did — to do everything you possibly can to prevent international scrutiny of its human rights record."

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The Nation

Dole's Foreign Policy Record: It's Hard to Read

By ELAINE SCIOLINO

BOB DOLE'S pitch for himself as the next commander-in-chief is that he deserves the job because he's a tough guy who knows what he's doing.

"When it comes to providing leadership around the world, we want someone with experience, someone who understands sacrifice, somebody who knows what America is all about," Mr. Dole told a rally recently. "And I know that I could do better than Bill Clinton when it comes to foreign policy."

Indeed, if the Republicans in Congress were to vote on the most statesmanlike in their midst, the Senate Majority Leader would probably win, not necessarily because he is the wisest, but because he is the most practiced. Way back in 1970, as a freshman Senator from Kansas, Mr. Dole was orchestrating a filibuster to prevent a cut off of aid for U.S. operations in Cambodia. Bill Clinton was a student at Oxford.

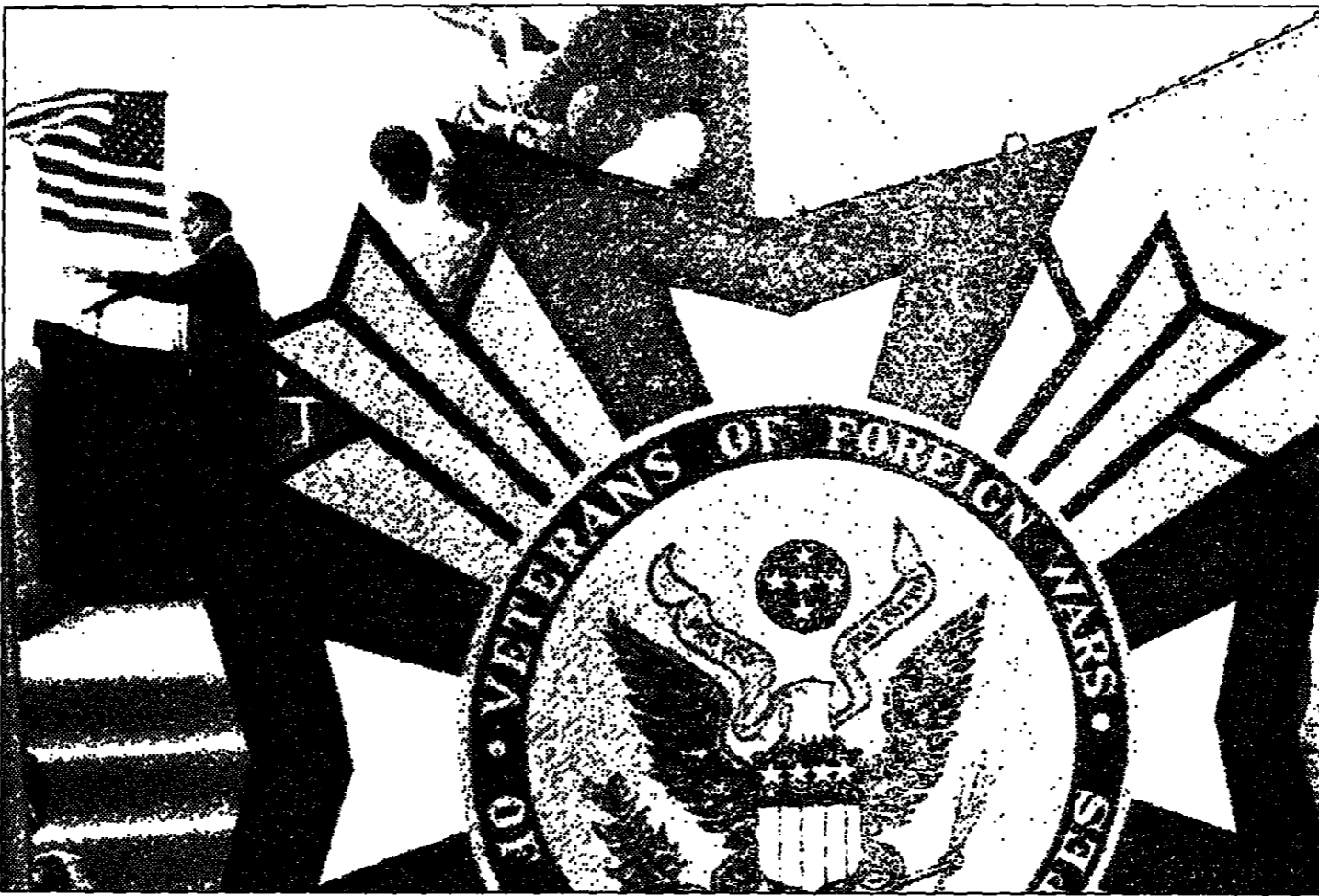
Call Him Unpredictable

But the more the spotlight is trained on Mr. Dole's vast 36-year record in the Senate, the harder it is to predict how he would act as President. The same tactics that have served him well as a legislator — the maneuvers for temporary advantage, the flip-flops, even the quirkiness — may not transfer into the Oval Office.

Mr. Dole does not pretend to be a global architect. His most ambitious attempt at a foreign policy manifesto — a ghost-written article in Foreign Policy last year — criticized both the "new world order" of George Bush and the "assertive multilateralism" of Bill Clinton in favor of a vague commitment to American "leadership" abroad.

That doesn't mean there is no consistency in Mr. Dole's world, which draws upon his experiences as a soldier and as a legislator.

It is hard to overestimate the importance of his brush with death on an Italian hillside in World War II in shaping his approach. His experience as a soldier helped forge his belief in the broad authority of the President to carry out foreign and military policy. It has moved him to support American military operations abroad even when he might have opposed undertaking them in the first place. "We have one President at a time in this country," he said last November in acceding to Mr. Clinton's decision to send troops to Bosnia.



Bob Dole's war experiences fostered respect for the military. He was honored last year by veterans in his hometown, Russell, Kan.

His war injury also led to a close relationship with an Armenian immigrant surgeon who helped him regain partial use of his right arm and told stories about the extermination of 1.5 million Armenians in World War II. The result was an idiosyncratic passion: unflinching support of Armenia, at the expense of Turkey and Azerbaijan, and deep concern about genocide.

Mr. Dole has also been consistent in putting Kansas wheat ahead of geopolitics. He opposed President Carter's embargo on grain sales to the Soviet Union after the invasion of Afghanistan for that reason, and in 1990 favored the extension of hundreds of millions in loan credits so that Iraq could buy American grain.

But his perch in the Senate has also given

him the luxury of reacting situationally. Mr. Dole has taken potshots at the Administration's deal to give North Korea \$4 billion in nuclear energy reactors in exchange for its dismantling of its weapons program — implying that there was a better deal to be had but never saying what it was. On Russia, he has criticized the Administration for being soft on President Boris N. Yeltsin, without ever saying what he would do instead.

Arabs and Israelis

As for the Middle East, consistency has never been his strong suit. In 1990, he earned a reputation as anti-Israeli after he proposed taking five percent of aid from the largest foreign recipients — including Israel

and Egypt — and giving it to the emerging democracies in eastern Europe.

The same year, after Arab leaders scolded him for advocating a resolution declaring Jerusalem the capital of Israel, Mr. Dole said it was all a big mistake. "We all know how it works around here," he said upon his return home. "We carry our resolution or our letter into the cloakroom. We buttonhole every Senator who walks in and push them for an immediate signature. Half the time the signer doesn't even read the text."

Now, at election time, there is no talk of cutting aid to Israel. And last year, Mr. Dole voted for legislation to move the American embassy to Jerusalem, which even the Israeli Government views as provocative.

On China, no Republican on Capitol Hill

Over 36 years, consistency has not been a strength.

was more supportive of President Bush's determination to preserve China's preferential trade benefits than Mr. Dole. But Mr. Clinton got a lot of mileage out of criticizing George Bush in 1992 for "coddling" China's dictators, and in the current frozen atmosphere with Beijing, Mr. Dole apparently wants to keep his options open. He has yet to declare his position on whether the United States should renew trade benefits this spring, and recently canceled an important speech he was to make on China, in part because he could not decide what to say.

There is at least one instance in Mr. Dole's career, when, backed into a corner, he revealed that he could have a tin ear in diplomacy. When he led a delegation to Iraq on behalf of Mr. Bush in 1990, four months before President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait, Iraq's Foreign Minister asked Mr. Dole if he would ask Israel to match Iraq's declaration to free the Middle East of all nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, a long-held Arab position designed to embarrass Israel. Instead of saying he would relay Iraq's message to his President, Mr. Dole could not resist playing dealmaker. "I will work to obtain such a declaration," he declared, according to a transcript authenticated by two Americans at the meeting.

Slow Starts

Unquestionably, Senator Dole has more foreign policy experience than Ronald Reagan or Jimmy Carter had upon assuming the Presidency — or, for that matter, Bill Clinton, who has never had perfect pitch on foreign policy.

In one sense, nothing in Mr. Dole's legislative career really counts, since he could perform much differently once in the Oval Office. Still, his reaction to crises along the way offer snapshots into his thinking. In a televised interview just after Iraq invaded Kuwait, Mr. Dole said, "We don't belong in that part of the world," adding that the invasion "ought to be settled by the Arabs." Six years later, he may have to explain how views like these fit into his foreign policy mantra of America as global leader.

A Good Year for Running

More Women, Fewer Causes

By ADAM NAGOURNEY

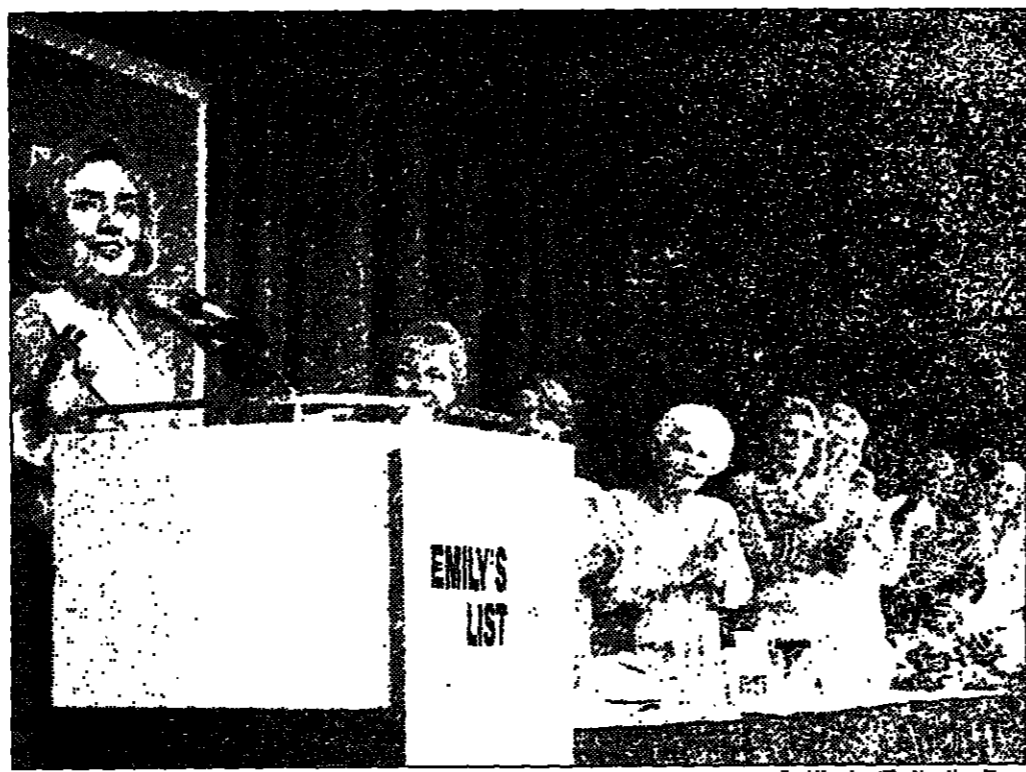
BY all appearances, circumstances have not been so bright for women running for office since 1992, and perhaps ever. There will probably be more women candidates for state and Federal office this November than ever before. A Democrat is leading in the Presidential race, and there is thought that Democrats might even regain control of Congress — again boding well for women candidates, who are likely to be Democrats.

But for all that, no one is calling 1996 "the Year of the Woman," the phrase that has been kicked around in even-numbered years since 1990. In the field, women candidates report they are talking not about breaking barriers, but about the issues that make up most political contests: health care, budget cuts, the minimum wage, the deficit.

What has happened? It's not that women are expected to do poorly in the elections this year. Indeed, the early guessing is that women will gain seats in Congress and in state legislatures — if only because so many are running — while picking up a governorship or two. But two things have taken the edge off of what once was an attention-grabbing political phenomenon.

The first is that after 1992 — when the differences between Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill tumbled from Capitol Hill into the voting booth and then back with a near-doubling in the number of women in Congress — the pace slackened. The year of the 20-seat pick-up has given way to the prospect of many years "just slugging it out, seat by seat," in the words of Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster.

The other change is that the election of a woman isn't big news anymore. The world has changed since Susan Molinari, the Staten Island Republican, learned while running for Con-



Hillary Clinton addressing Emily's List, a group that backs Democratic women candidates.

this, and find it refreshing that the divisions this year seem to be Democrat versus Republican, challenger versus incumbent, rather than man versus woman.

"There's probably less focus on women being women and probably more focus on women being candidates," said Nancy Mayer, a Republican and Rhode Island General Treasurer, who is running for Senate. "Maybe we're being judged more on our abilities, our experience, our credentials. Maybe we're not singled out anymore as aberrant creatures who are doing this man's thing."

That said, there is still a long way to go until women achieve anything near parity in politics. There are now 48 women in the House of Representatives, including 31 Democrats and 17 Republicans, and eight women in the Senate (five Democrats, three Republicans). That is just 10.5 percent of the 535 seats in Congress. Similarly, just under 21 percent of the 7,424 elected state legislators are women, which is a record, but just by a whisker. And there is only one Governor, Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, down from five in 1992. Ruth B. Mandel, director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, which gathered the data, said, "Government is still a sea of suits."

More Run, More Win

On the other hand, more and more women are running for office, and more and more are winning. Mrs. Ferguson at the National Women's Political Caucus said 180 women are trying to make their way onto House ballots and 14 are competing for the 33 contested Senate seats. There are at least two Governor's races, Washington State and West Virginia, where women are thought to have a good shot.

No More Novelty

Until then, the shift in the perception of women candidates is changing the shape of the 1996 political races in ways that are obvious, and in ways that are not. For one thing, it is not at all clear that this acceptance is always useful for women. The novelty of running as a woman — and with it the apparent advantage — is wearing off. Ms. Lake found in her polling this year that women in Democratic primaries, who had in recent years started with a 10- to 20-point advantage when running against men, no longer have that edge.

Still, "people want to stop business as usual in Congress," said Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat running for Congress in Lansing, Mich. "I'm, by definition, not a good old boy."

The National Women's Political Caucus predicts that women will pick up perhaps five or six more seats in Congress. It's a far cry from 1992. But while things might speed up or slow down in any given year, the trend seems both unmistakable and irreversible. "The progress has been consistent," said Ms. Mandel. "The change has continued, unabated, at a serious, steady, somewhat slow pace."

Happy Days Are Here Again, Yes?

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pable, and the challenge to America was external," said John N. Yochelson, the head of the Council on Competitiveness, a Washington organization born in the mid-80's to help create a national industrial strategy.

But today American officials treat Japan as a nation choking on its own bank failures and arcane regulations. That is why Mr. Clinton could go to Tokyo two weeks ago, barely utter a harsh word about trade, and know that Mr. Dole would not make a peep in response.

The Pay Problem

Now, even while some workers fear that their jobs are headed to Mexico or China, Mr. Yochelson argues that America's main challenge is "squaring domestic growth with high-wage jobs."

Some Democrats say this conundrum is not all bad. It keeps eyes trained on the economy rather than on issues of character. Mr. Dole's presumed strength. And polls show most workers do not blame the President for their insecurities.

Nonetheless, capitalizing on a sound economy that is not generating bigger paychecks is no easy task. The Democrats learned that in 1994, when the economy looked pretty good and the Republican Congress was swept into power.

So the White House is settling on a middle ground that was mapped out last week by the Council of Economic Advisers. After recent press reports of devastation from corporate

white-collar reporters?

The answers: Yes, 68 percent of the new jobs pay better than the median wages of America's 120 million or so workers. No, employment in burger-flipping is actually falling, and most new service-sector jobs are managerial or professional. But the skeptics are on to something: In the 1991-92 recession, white-collar workers were "considerably more at risk of displacement" than in the 1981-82 recession, particularly those 55 or older. And the average displaced worker takes a 10 percent pay cut — more or less permanently.

"Are we saying there are no reasons for workers to be anxious?" asks Ms. Tyson. "Absolutely not. There are plenty of reasons. But you can't expect to reverse a long-term trend in just three years."

Polls show nearly three-quarters of voters know someone who has lost a job, and the White House is betting they will like Mr. Clinton's calls for portable health insurance (passed unanimously by the Senate last week), portable pensions and a \$10,000 tax credit for college education or retraining. The argument inside the Administration is over how much to intrude upon corporate decision-making. Ms. Tyson and Treasury Secretary Robert E. Rubin drew the line when Robert Reich, the Labor Secretary, advocated tax benefits for companies that guarantee jobs in profitable times and give workers a share in growing profits.

If the Administration is nervous about bashing corporate America, Mr. Dole won't even think about it. Asked how to address worker anxiety, he talks almost entirely about shrinking the Government and cutting the deficit. And he has yet to put together a plan beyond the rising-tide-raises-all-boats approach that Republicans love but that blue-collar voters find increasingly suspect.

He is already in retreat on the minimum wage, as his own troops defect from the party line.

"The Republicans are in trouble on this in a larger way than they ever expected," Mr. Reich crowed in an interview Friday, still surprised by the issue's sudden revival.

"When the stock market is soaring and chief executives are earning princely sums, it's hard to argue that the nation will fall apart because we mandate another 90 cents an hour to the poorest wage-earners in the nation," Mr. Reich said. "But if Dole wants to dig that hole, I'll be happy to hand him a shovel."

downsizing, Laura D'Andrea Tyson, Mr. Clinton's chief economic strategist, asked the Council a few basic questions: Do the new jobs being created pay as well as the old ones? Are A.T.&T. executives really flipping burgers? And are white-collar layoffs — sorry, Washington calls them "displacements" — really rising, or is that an illusion created by

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Ideas & Trends

The Death of Some Salesmen

By ALLEN R. MYERSON

PAUL BUNYAN, John Henry or Horatio Alger he's not. But America's workday culture has few figures as storied as the salesman, scouring a territory or going door to door, "riding on a smile and a shoeshine," as Arthur Miller memorably put it. The salesman was once ubiquitous. He trudged from the pages of Theodore Dreiser to a Warner Brothers cartoon where, as Daffy Duck, he wrecked Porky Pig's home while demonstrating a vacuum cleaner and other labor-saving thingamajigs.

No longer. When Encyclopedia Britannica dismissed all its home sales representatives last week, cutting 140 full-time employees and 300 independent contractors, it was but one more sign that the old-style career salesman is dead.

But not the smaller independent, face-to-face salesperson. Far from it. Where Willy Loman once was, there is now a new force of part-timers, mostly women, prying at the gates between their economic ghetto and the verdant middle class.

In an era of malls, home-shopping networks and catalogues, there are also more and more people like Cindy Funderburk of Florien, La. She drives a school bus, beginning at 6:20 A.M. She tends the chickens and cows on her farm. And she sells Beauticontrol CQ Herbal Serenity lotions. What A Pearl! shampoo and Regeneration anti-aging creams with Alpha Hydroxy Acid Complex 3, making enough to help pay for her daughter's college and for three straight annual vacations to Branson, Mo.

The door-to-door mainstays have slowly mutated, until they are all but unrecognizable. Encyclopedia Britannica abandoned door-to-door sales decades ago in favor of having its salesmen, including many full-timers, follow up leads generated by advertising and referrals. At the Fuller Brush Company, 11 presidents in five years couldn't keep up the legendary sales force that

once included Billy Graham and Joe DiMaggio. The company was sold two years ago to a buyer who, relying less on the salespeople, has nearly doubled the number of Fuller Brush stores.

At cosmetics companies, meanwhile, person-to-person sales are booming. The Direct Selling Association says that, from 1990 to 1994, the sales force nationwide has increased by more than third, to 6.3 million.

These figures might smell self-serving, but Neil H. Offen, the association's president, has an alarmingly frank explanation. "We provide an alternative to welfare, an alternative to unemployment compensation," he said. Or to other forms of downward mobility. "You can't stay in the middle class on one income," Mr. Offen said. "Sometimes not on two."

Many of the new salesmen and saleswomen belong to triple- or quadruple-career families. The rise in direct sales might partly explain why unemployment rates remain fairly low, despite wave after wave of corporate layoffs.

The industry's growth has been propelled by incessant recruiting. Many merchandisers give their salespeople a percentage on any other salespeople they recruit, and then on their recruits' recruits.

The pros like Mrs. Funderburk, collecting from 24 recruits, are always on the prowl for more. "Does your wife use Beauticontrol?" she asks.

Avon Calling

Instead of knocking on unfamiliar doors, a tactic some towns now forbid as a danger to salespeople and customers alike, the new sellers network. "We train people in how to connect at the office and factory," said Christina Gold, Avon's chief for North America. "It's a high-touch business." In two years, she has expanded her sales force by about 45,000, to 445,000. Though Mrs. Gold will occasionally test the market by selling with Avon's traditional ding and dong, more than half the company's sales are made or arranged at work.

Sales at home, for companies like Mary Kay cosmetics that have followed Tupperware's lead, now are more likely to involve living-room parties or classes in skin care than cold calling or knocking.

Even Girl Scouts are learning the tricks of modern direct sales, setting up booths in malls, train stations and office lobbies. This year, troops in Hawaii and the Boston area took to flogging their cookies on the Internet. "Times have changed and so have our selling tactics," said Judy Welage, a spokeswoman for the Girl Scouts.

Some scouts invade Mom's and Dad's offices directly. Who is going to resist buying a few too many boxes of Peanut Butter Patties when confronted in the open by the boss's pigtailed daughter?

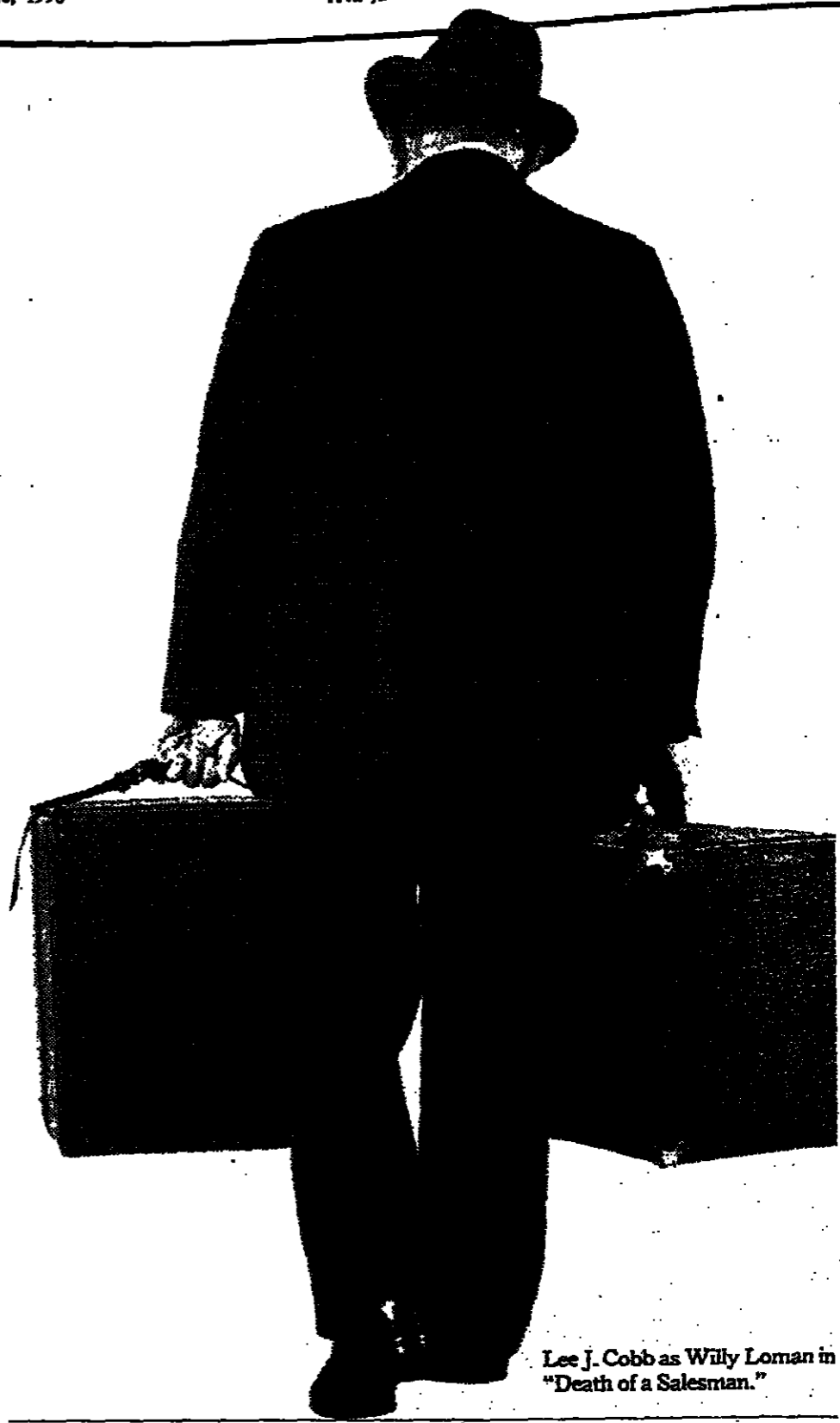
Unlike Mrs. Funderburk and Miss Pig-tails, the traditional salesman suffers from an image that was muddled long ago. In the 1944 film "Double Indemnity," Fred MacMurray plays a visiting insurance agent noir who gets roped into the murder of a wealthy customer to collect the insurance payoff and the co-conspiring wife.

Decades later, when Louis Harris took a survey for the Direct Selling Association to help the industry shine its image, he reported that spending millions of dollars in one year would add no luster. "He said it would take 20 years," Mr. Offen, the association president, recalls.

As much as consumers have feared predatory salespeople, today's salespeople need protection from their rapacious companies. In an industry where annual turnover runs at 70 percent, companies often stick departing salespeople with overstuffed inventories and hundreds of dollars in training fees.

In one sense, though, direct sales may be coming full circle. Mr. Offen reports that men are returning in swarms, with their proportion having more than doubled, to 24 percent, in three years. Most are victims of layoffs or low wages.

Mrs. Gold can readily pick up the scent. "Would you like to be an Avon representative?" she asked with a lit. "I could have someone see you tomorrow."



Lee J. Cobb as Willy Loman in "Death of a Salesman."

Longing for a New Crop of Lone Geniuses

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feminism, environmentalism and structuralism, the last of which argues that although cultures may look different in their details, they share the same deep structure. (For instance, all languages may look and sound different, but they all have one thing in common—a grammar.) "Our century generally seems less interested in ideas than the last, seems to care about them less and take them less seriously," Mr. Hyman complained in "The Tangled Bank." But is that really true? Maybe it's just that the ideas we consider important aren't the ideas Mr. Hyman cared about. They don't validate his Great Man fantasies.

Yet even these collective revolutions in thought have been led by powerful individuals—in several cases, women. Think of Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring," the pioneering work of the environmental movement. Think of Simone de Beauvoir's "The Second Sex." Or Claude Lévi-Strauss's "The Savage Mind," a work that changed forever our attitude toward so-called primitive humanity by demonstrating the rigorous logic of other societies' myths and rituals.

Our anti-heroic age likes to reduce innovators like these to scale. The genesis of ideas, like everything else, has been democratized. We are all equal, and none are more equal than others. To single out a Great Man—or a Great Woman—as the architect of an idea is to "privilege" that individual, to elevate him (or her) above the rest of us. The death of the author so proudly proclaimed by the structuralists and their intellectual heirs, the deconstructionists—that is, the belittling of the author's conscious role in his own creation—has been accompanied by the death of the hero.

In this leveling climate, the notion of the Lone Genius has taken on a certain romantic aura. We find inspiration in the drama of a visionary laboring alone to make his vision a reality. "The man who embraces a new paradigm at an early stage must often do so in defiance of the evidence provided by problem-solving," wrote Thomas Kuhn in his classic, "The Structure of Scientific Revolutions." The emergence of a new idea, Mr. Kuhn acknowledged, is "a process of accretion." It builds upon what has gone before. But it also requires a kind of leap: It's

a navigation helmet for observing the heavens, to Sir Isaac Newton and Edmond Halley; Einstein's theory of relativity had crucial antecedents in the electromagnetic theories of James Clerk Maxwell and Michael Faraday. It's the way ideas are interpreted that determines their impact. "What happens when a new work of art is created is something that happens simultaneously to all the works of art which preceded it," wrote T. S. Eliot. The same holds true of a new invention: it not only changes the world, but alters the way we see everything that has gone before.

Even the legendary Bill Gates understands this. In the public mind, Mr. Gates is a prototypical individualist, an empire builder in the tradition of J. P. Morgan and

In the 19th century, thinkers felt they could change the world. Now we are hard put to understand it.

Henry Ford, single-handedly forging the future out of his own visionary dreams. (What a guy?)

But in his book, "The Road Ahead," Mr. Gates himself acknowledges the collaboration of a school friend named Paul Allen, a fellow nerd who grasped the import of the computer (in fact the collaborative invention of Alan Turing and John von Neumann, among others). Mr. Gates also acknowledges the editors of Popular Mechanics, who featured a small computer on the cover of their January 1978 issue.

"Oh no! It's happening without us!" he recalls thinking as he loitered at the out-of-town newsstand in Harvard Square. "People are going to write real software for this chip." That was the breakthrough: the recognition that a revolution was about to occur. Mr. Gates' genius was to capitalize on the inventions of others—but it was still genius. Some things don't change: the way discoveries are made is one of them.

What is it about the Lone Genius that continues to appeal to us? It's a type that speaks to our hunger for personal freedom, revives the largely discredited conviction that we make our own fates, act on our own free will. Reading "Longitude" brought to mind Stephen Spender's poem, "I Think of Those Who Were Truly Great":

I think continually of those who were truly great.
Who, from the womb, remembered the soul's history
Through corridors of light where the hours are suns,
Endless and singing. Whose lovely ambition
Was that their lips, still touched with fire,
Should tell of their Spirit, clothed from head to foot in song.

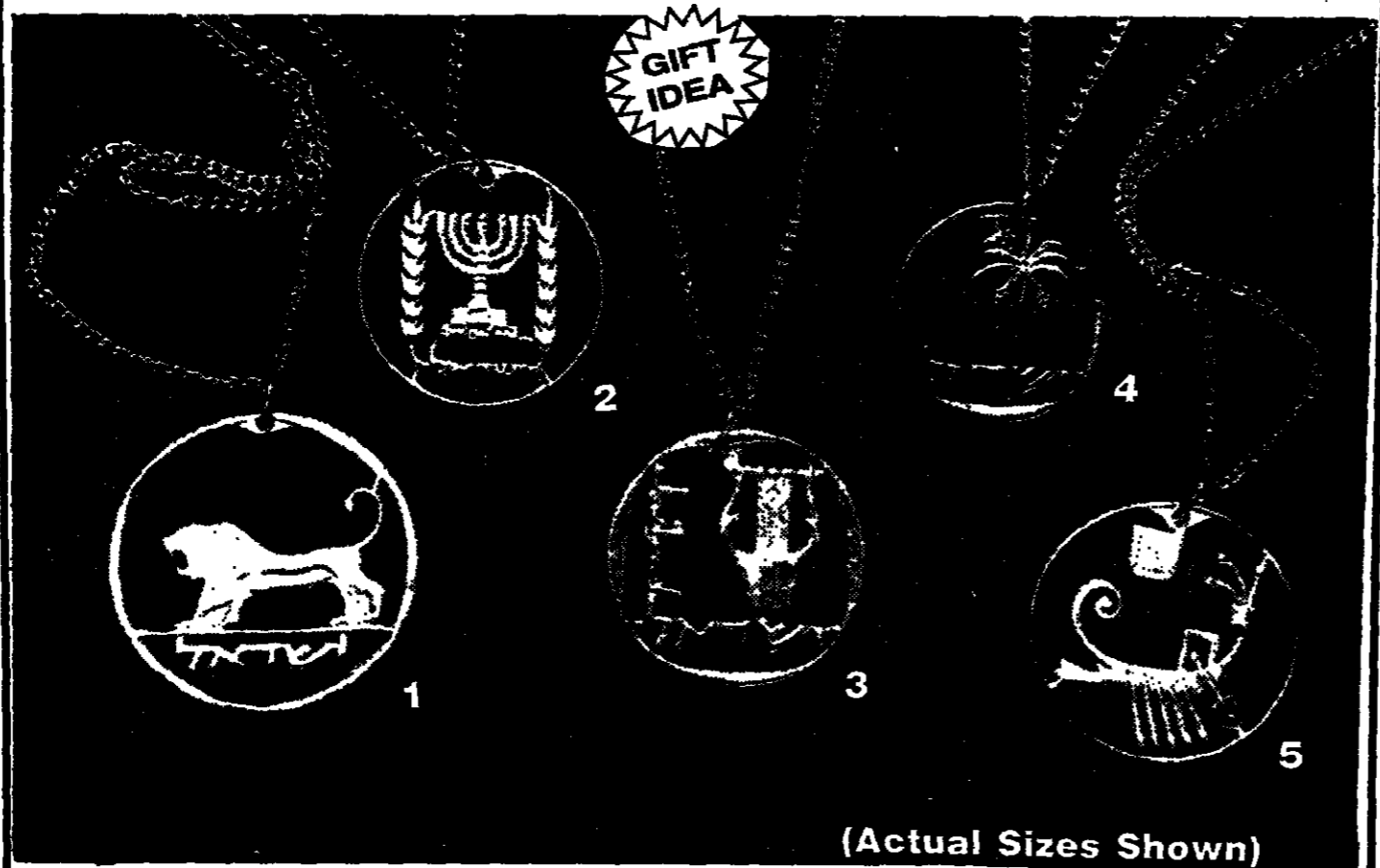
We like to believe such dominating figures are still out there. And who knows? Maybe they are.

Some things don't change. All great leaps start from a platform built by others.

counter-intuitive. The great inventor must "have a faith that the new paradigm will succeed with the many large problems that confront it, knowing only that the older paradigm has failed with a few." Defiance and faith—without those two key character traits, John Harrison would never have invented the chronometer.

No idea is created in a vacuum. John Harrison drew upon the discoveries of previous inventors, from Galileo, who invented

Historical Creations



(Actual Sizes Shown)

Demonstrating fine, unusual skill, Israeli artisan Itzik Peleg has created beautiful medallions, by hollowing out Israeli coins no longer in use, and plating them with 24 karat gold. Each medallion in the selection displays the name Israel in Hebrew, preserved from the coin, and a historical inscription or symbol dating from the days of Bar Kochba:

1. The Lion, symbol of the tribe of Judah
2. The Seven Branched Candelabrum, holy artifact used in the days of the Temple
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Personal Trainers to Bolster the Boss's People Skills

By TRIP GABRIEL

THE boss, whip-smart and self-assured, had risen like a comet to become chief executive of a blue-chip entertainment company in his early 40's. On the way up, however, he had acquired certain blind spots. He was an armchair quarterback, signing off on every small decision. His meetings were a disaster: people wandered in every few minutes, with the boss doing nothing to fend off distractions.

Key vice presidents were on the verge of mass resignation. The directors got wind of the crisis. A call went out to Howard J. Morgan, a human resources consultant who calls himself an executive coach—a Mr. Fix-It for personal dysfunction in the executive suite.

For five days late last year, Mr. Morgan attached himself like a barnacle to the Manhattan-based executive, sitting through his meetings, eavesdropping on his phone calls, tagging along on business lunches at the Union Square Cafe. He came up with practical advice and kept shadowing the executive to make sure he followed through.

Was time management a problem? Very well, Mr. Morgan became the boss's gate-keeper. When subordinates knocked on the door, he told them, politely but firmly, to take a hike. If the boss was hurrying to a meeting and stopped to chat, Mr. Morgan demanded, "Couldn't that have waited?"

After the initial full-court press, Mr. Morgan tapered off his contacts. He expects the executive, who insisted on anonymity, to remain under his care for a year, at a cost to his company of about \$40,000.

"Usually the person hires me for the first three months," said Mr. Morgan, who usually coaches several top executives at once, including clients at American Express and Coca-Cola. "But by the fourth month they'll love me. In a tactful way you're holding them up on things no one's tackled them on before."

Companies in trouble have long looked to outside experts for advice on market strategy, quality control and other straight-ahead business topics. But sometimes the problems turn out to be interpersonal, and then an executive coach may be called to the rescue. With backgrounds ranging from actual former football coaches to psychologists and personnel from downsized human resources departments, executive coaches promise to rehabilitate talented bosses with whom, because of gaps in their personality, no one wants to work.

Tom Saporito, a senior vice president of RHR International, a coaching firm based in Chicago, described some reasons coaches are hired: "There's a fire burning, a crisis of confidence, a tremendous rift in the

management team, a C.E.O. suddenly out there by his lonesome without the support of the organization." The small but growing practice has been embraced by companies like Texaco, AT&T, Citibank and Sun Microsystems.

There is no single reason for the rise of coaching over the last decade. But one factor appears to be the gutting of legions of middle managers, which has meant that surviving bosses have authority over areas where they have no expertise, straining their "people" skills.

Also, the advent of a generation of workers under age 45 who are more diverse racially and sexually and were brought up to question authority, has undermined the effectiveness of older white male bosses, many of whom adhere to command-and-control management.

"Years ago, if you were good, you could get away with being abrasive," said Judith Blanton, a coach with RHR. "Nowadays people don't want to work with you."

Yet another factor is the spread of managed health care, which has squeezed the incomes of psychotherapists and prompted many to branch out. A special issue of the Journal of Consulting Psychology, to be published next month, extols coaching as a career of the future.

There is even Coach University on the Internet, a school for would-be coaches who attend classes by conference call and download course work from the World Wide Web (<http://www.coachu.com/info.htm>). Enrollment has more than tripled in the last year, to nearly 400. Many students, who pay a fee of \$2,495, already have coaching clients, said Thomas J. Leonard, the former financial planner in Salt Lake City who founded Coach U.

Longtime coaches warn that newcomers to the field, which is unlicensed and unregulated, may be inexperienced and dangerously naïve about corporate realities. "It's a fad now, but unless you understand the culture of a company, you can give people some bad advice," said Dr. Blanton, a consulting psychologist. "A clinical psychologist who tells someone to share their feelings can end up getting that person fired."

Coaches tend to work in boutique practices, though some big consulting firms have entered the field. Fees range from \$5,000 for a half-dozen 90-minute sessions to \$100,000 for consultations that can last two years and involve fact-finding interviews by the coach with dozens of colleagues, customers, even families. Almost all coaches deny they engage in psychotherapy. Successful executives, they say, will not tolerate being sent to a "work shrink."

But one New York manager who received coaching and who has spent time in psychotherapy said the line was not clear-cut. "It's therapy dis-

guised under the word 'coaching,' which is brilliant," she said, "because these people have opened up a whole area for themselves."

In some ways, coaching and psychotherapy clearly differ. Most coaching is short-term. Both its goals and solutions are practical. A boss who sees a coach because of a tendency to belittle subordinates will be encouraged to find ways to control the outbursts, not explore childhood memories of a domineering father. If the pursuit of childhood memories seems called for, coaches usually recommend traditional therapy.

For Carolyn Piecherowski, the trouble began shortly after her promotion to comptroller of the Rosan Aerospace Fastener Division, a unit of the Fairchild Corporation that makes nuts and bolts for military aircraft like the F-16.

Ms. Piecherowski, 45, ran an accounting department with eight subordinates in Santa Ana, Calif. Half were used to seeing her as a peer, and the others had recently been hired. As a relatively immature manager, Ms. Piecherowski resorted to issuing orders with little explanation. "I'd tell them, 'Do it the way I say. Don't worry about the whys,'" she said. "You had a dictator rather than a mentor for a boss."

Her subordinates groused to her superior, and even Ms. Piecherowski knew there were problems. "My people skills needed to be polished," she said. The company called in Dr. Blanton, who is based in Los Angeles.

Why didn't Fairchild just dismiss Ms. Piecherowski? With many out-of-work managers eager to take her place and companies desperate to cut costs, how can executive coaching be justified? "The boss saw her as someone very talented in terms of her technical skill," Dr. Blanton said, "and didn't want to lose her."

Coaches say that most executives who receive coaching are still in their 40's, with careers stretching far enough ahead to justify an employer's investment. But chief executives in their 50's, who may consider a board's demands to see a coach humiliating, have been known to take early retirement.

Dr. Blanton's suggestions for Ms. Piecherowski were not complex. In addition to encouraging her to hold meetings to clear the air, the coach gave the manager a reading list of pop business books, like "Talking From 9 to 5" by Deborah Tannen. As a result, Ms. Piecherowski is now armed with the latest management buzzwords.

"I had to give everyone their own ownership of their job," she said. "Letting them feel they were more in the driver's seat." Fairchild was happy enough with her progress that it promoted her.

Another midlevel executive, a 39-



Judith Blanton, a consulting psychologist who is an executive coach with RHR International.

year-old operations manager for a television production company in New York, was blunt about why her company sent her to a coach. "People found me to be a pain in the neck," she conceded.

The woman, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said that if she got frustrating news during a phone call, she snapped at the next person who spoke to her. If others made what she considered foolish requests, she replied sarcastically. She responded the same way to a superior, which might have been fatal had her immediate boss not valued her enough to suggest coaching.

"I was angry and humiliated at first," the woman said. "But I was also open to it. I said if the company wants to pay for me to get some coaching, I'm smart enough to realize this is not any different than if I went for computer training."

The woman worked with Sharon M. Coleman, a clinical psychologist, in New York. "She gave the impression to people that she was angry with them a lot of the time," said Dr. Coleman, who was once vice president of training and development at Shearson Lehman Hutton.

Dr. Coleman engaged the woman in role-playing exercises and had her fill out a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, a standard psychological test that measures 16 personality traits.

"The more we talked, the more the light bulb went on," the manager said. "When my boss asked me to do something, I should say, 'Sure, no problem.' If I felt somebody asked me something stupid, I might still

feel angry, but now I hide it. That's what I learned. You work with people. It's politics."

Not all coaching is aimed at faltering employees, those in danger of derailing their careers or their companies. At some companies it is offered to scores of executives at once, in an effort to engineer a broad shift in strategy. Still other companies, like Texaco and Avon, offer coaching as a perquisite to proven managers, in the understanding that everyone has blind spots and can benefit from a detached observer.

At Northern Telecom, the giant maker of telephone equipment, thousands of employees fill out anonymous questionnaires that rate their bosses' leadership skills. In a debriefing of his results, Dave Thomson, a sales vice president in charge of 100 employees at a Northern Telecom division in Overland Park, Kan., learned that he ranked among the top 5 percent of the company's managers in terms of envisioning business strategy. But as a team player and a listener, he scored in the bottom 25 percent. A superior recommended coaching.

Mr. Thomson, 42, met with Marshall Goldsmith, a prominent figure in the field who has coached the chief executives of Texaco, Alfred C. DeCrane Jr., and Northrop Grumman, Kent Kresa.

Mr. Goldsmith suggested ways for Mr. Thomson to improve his listening. When talking to a colleague, he was told to begin responses by briefly echoing what the colleague had just said. In meetings, Mr. Goldsmith advised, he ought to hold all comments until the end, then present only his top three. To improve as a team player, Mr. Goldsmith said, Mr. Thomson should spend more time informing subordinates of the progress of projects.

"Before, I would never announce that the boat was leaving the dock," Mr. Thomson said. "We'd just start a job. Now I spend more time keeping people up to date and bringing them along. 'This is what we're going to do. Are you on board?'"

Mr. Goldsmith, a former business school professor at Loyola Marymount University and co-editor of the book "The Leader of the Future," acknowledged that much of his coaching was common sense. He compared himself to a personal trainer who comes to a client's home to bark encouragement during a workout.

"I give people a formula," he said. "None of it's rocket science. The main thing is to follow through."

Mr. Goldsmith offers clients a money-back guarantee. He said that as companies became more hard-nosed about coaching, they would press for proof of results. So he tries to measure clients' progress statistically. Mr. Thomson, three months after his coaching began, gave mini-questionnaires to 11 colleagues and customers, asking each to score him from minus-3 to plus-3, depending on whether they saw him as more effective, less effective or unchanged as a listener and team player.

"One-hundred percent of the people saw increased effectiveness at least at the plus-2 level," Mr. Goldsmith said.

For all the successes they claim, though, coaches acknowledge that sometimes their efforts end in failure. Dr. Saporito of RHR said that about a year and a half ago he was hired to coach the new chief executive of a well-known consumer technology company. The boss had been



Howard J. Morgan, working with a client in Toronto.

brought in from outside with strong ideas about new products and quickly improving the bottom line. But within six months, he had alienated almost all of the key executives, who bristled at his rapid timetable and his trampling of the corporate culture.

"The culture was built on strong interpersonal relationships, with many traditions of how things got done," said Dr. Saporito, who has a Ph.D. in psychology. "The C.E.O. wasn't abrasive, just very focused on how he was going to drive the organization."

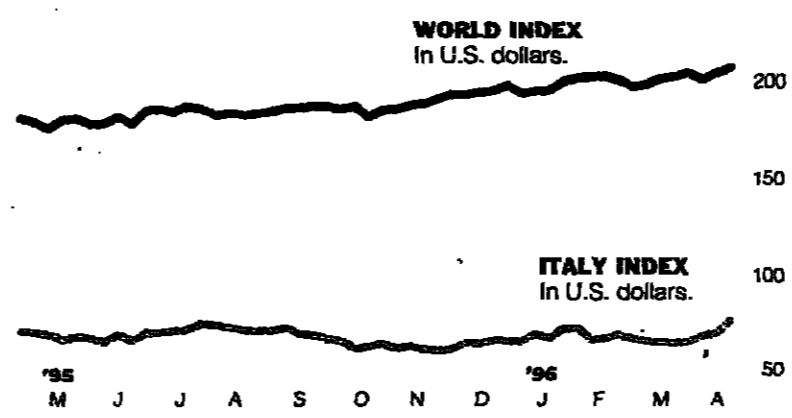
After interviewing all parties, Dr. Saporito gave the executive feedback showing how his efforts were self-defeating. But the executive resisted. "He tended to externalize the problems, saying it was the company and the culture's fault," Dr. Saporito said. "That was partly true. But he could not and would not take the time to figure out how to meet the culture halfway."

"That was his downfall." Directors, who had hired the chief executive, forced his resignation after only a year. "He was trying to drive change by himself without building the team to support him," Dr. Saporito said. "He was left out there all by himself."

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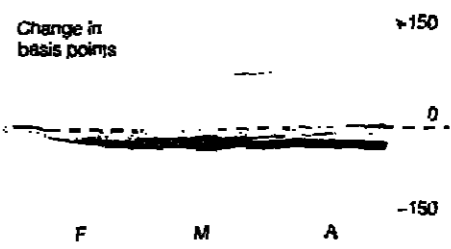
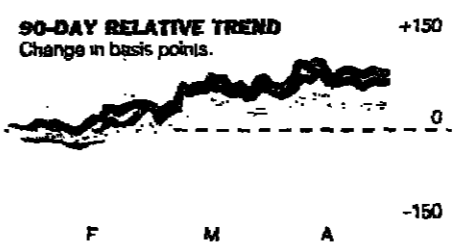
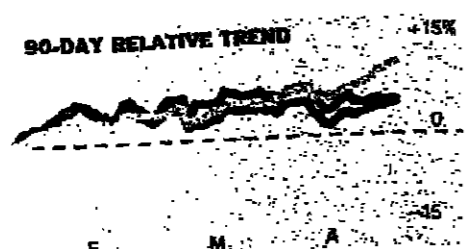
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The Greening of Newt Gingrich

It is a pleasure to welcome Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich to the growing club of politicians who have come to believe that America's air, water, endangered species and what is left of its splendid natural resources deserve strong protection. His task now is to persuade some of his fellow Republicans to follow his lead.

In a speech to business people last week, Mr. Gingrich called for a "new environmentalism" that would provide even higher levels of protection without the regulatory burdens of the last 25 years. It would be based, he said, on rigorous standards, sound science and public-private cooperation. Parts of his speech sounded very much like the recent utterances of another late-blooming conservationist, President Clinton.

But his welcome conversion merely reminds us how much further the Speaker must travel if he wants to translate his rhetoric into substance and, to use his favorite word, "reposition" his party on environmental issues so that it is not punished by the voters in November. His first task is to figure out a way to control a handful of retrograde Republican colleagues who still cannot grasp a simple fact available to anyone who reads the polls — namely, that Americans do not want their basic environmental laws trifled with, however annoyed they may be by sometimes silly regulations.

One of these Republicans is Mr. Gingrich's very own floor leader, Tom DeLay, the majority whip, who championed many of the unsuccessful riders to last week's omnibus appropriations bill. Mr. DeLay has spent the last year trying to cripple the Environmental Protection Agency, which he routinely refers to as the "Gestapo." He has also proposed, not in jest, that Congress rescind the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990, George Bush's proudest contribution to environmental law.

Then there is the amazing duo of Alaska's Don

Young and California's Richard Pombo, who dominate the House Resources Committee and would like nothing better than to render meaningless the Endangered Species Act. Throw in James Hansen of Utah, who is leading the charge to privatize or turn over to the states millions of acres of Federal lands, and it becomes clear that Mr. Gingrich has some serious proselytizing to do.

The Senate, meanwhile, harbors Republicans like Larry Craig of Idaho, who hopes to make permanent the infamous "timber salvage" rider passed last year and approved by Mr. Clinton in a moment of weakness. That rider has already led to destructive logging of old-growth forests. Mr. Gingrich cannot do much about Mr. Craig, or Ted Stevens and Frank Murkowski of Alaska, who would open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. Nor can he do anything about the Democrats — like Senators John Breaux and J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana — who give environmentalists fits. But he could at least pass the word to Bob Dole that the Republican senators are doing little to "reposition" the party on environmental issues.

Is the Speaker up to the task? In his talk to the business people, he did not apologize for last year's House votes that weakened Washington's regulatory authority over health, safety and the environment. Nor did he show any remorse for a bill hatched by Bud Shuster of Pennsylvania that would have gutted the Clean Water Act. Luckily, it went no further than the House.

Even so, Mr. Gingrich is now on record as favoring sound science over narrow politics when it comes to framing environmental law. There is no sound science in the bills the Youngs, Pombo and DeLays are promoting. If we can take the Speaker at his word, he will not let these bills come to the floor. For that we will all give thanks.

The Logic of Peace in Chechnya

The savage war in Chechnya has so far outlasted every effort to end it. The death last week of the Chechen rebel leader, Dzhokhar Dudayev, in a Russian rocket attack ought to bring both sides to their senses. They should at last commence serious discussions on a cease-fire and peace agreement.

There is certainly sufficient incentive for the Russians and Chechens to stop fighting. More than 30,000 civilians have died in the war, as have hundreds of Russian soldiers and Chechen fighters. Boris Yeltsin knows his re-election hopes depend greatly on ending the war, and the Chechen resistance surely must realize that further warfare can only compound the misery of the Chechen people.

Yet despite the overwhelming logic of peace and a proposed political settlement that would give Chechnya virtual independence, the war goes on. Mr. Yeltsin keeps declaring that Russian forces are suspending combat when it is plainly evident they are still bombing Chechen villages. He did so again last weekend at a news conference with President Clinton.

Either Mr. Yeltsin is deliberately trying to mislead his countrymen or he has been badly misled by his military commanders. Neither explanation is flattering to the Russian leader.

The Chechen rebels, for their part, have refused to put down their guns, apparently convinced that the prospect of continual war and ever-increasing casualties will eventually force Moscow to walk away and accept the full independence of Chechnya. That is an uncertain bet, at best.

Much now depends on the new leadership of the resistance. Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, Mr. Dudayev's apparent successor, has been unyielding on independence, but other leaders seem prepared to re-evaluate their position after 16 months of war.

The rewards of intransigence are all too visible in the destroyed lives and villages of Chechnya and the grave sites of Russian soldiers who died in a war they did not understand. Mr. Yeltsin should silence Russia's guns, and the Chechen fighters should accept the large degree of independence he now offers them and return home to heal their families.

Editorial Notebook

Mayor Giuliani Girds for Battle

One of Rudolph Giuliani's big advantages in running for re-election is the fact that not many other people actually want his job. More than a year before the New York mayoral campaign really begins, most of the city's top Democrats have already taken themselves out of the running, eyeing junior prizes one more year down the line. Both Gov. George Pataki and Senator Alfonse D'Amato seem vulnerable when up for re-election in 1998, despite the fact that former Mayor Ed Koch, in a burst of advance planning, has already endorsed them both.

The conventional wisdom of New York politics is that Mr. Giuliani's job is not nearly as desirable as Mr. Pataki's or Mr. D'Amato's. It may be true in most professions that if you make it in New York City, you can make it anywhere. But being elected mayor is regarded as the equivalent of the Academy Award for lifetime achievement — a very high prestige way of saying your career is over.

Still, Mr. Giuliani is obviously happy with his present employment and is positioning himself for the next campaign. He has made peace overtures toward David Garth, his estranged campaign adviser. He has managed to get rid of Police Commissioner William Bratton, who, according to the polls, is the man most New Yorkers believe is responsible for bringing down the crime rate. The Mayor apparently did not want to run the risk that next year's opponent would promise to keep Mr. Bratton on the job, offering voters the option of Giuliani crime control without Giuliani.

The one thing the Mayor will not do to get re-elected is change his style, since he has neither the talent nor the will for political mutation. That means he will continue to rely on a circle of advisers so small that his chief of staff serves double duty fighting crime at the fish market, and the head of the Department of Investigation also rode herd on the Columbus Avenue street repairs. He will not learn Mr. Koch's art of self-deprecating humor. During the campaign he will no doubt defend his best and worst decisions with equal vigor, and accuse his opponent, no matter who he or she is, of "old thinking."

The only Democrat who has positively declared he wants to be Mr. Giuliani's opponent is Councilman Sal Albanese of Brooklyn. Mr. Albanese lacks name recognition. But a city that likes to see its Republican Mayor savage other Republicans may feel some sympathy for a Democrat who is equally irritating to his party leaders.

Strategies for Keeping A Job Few Covet

by throwing him off the Youth Committee.

Former Congressman Geraldine Ferraro has been playing the Colin Powell role of the pre-campaign period. Ms. Ferraro, who has not held public office since 1984 and who has made no overtures toward running for mayor, was the only candidate who could beat Mr. Giuliani in a recent Quinnipiac College poll. But right now, polls can measure little but voters' shifting attitudes toward their mayor, and their ability to recognize names of opponents. Mr. Giuliani's polls have shown that he was most popular when he endorsed Mario Cuomo and when he displayed a softer side in his statements on child welfare earlier this year. But approval ratings from 40 to 50 percent during most of his term suggest that the next election will be close and hard-fought.

The best-known Democrats to express an interest in being mayor are two Borough Presidents, Ruth Messinger of Manhattan and Fernando Ferrer of the Bronx. Although neither is a declared candidate, both have been planning their campaigns for a long time. Ms. Messinger held her first unofficial fund-raiser, a women-only Super Bowl party, in 1994. Mr. Ferrer has hired Dick Morris, the political strategist who has pushed President Clinton to pre-empt the Republicans on social issues where the conservative stance is popular. It may be a coincidence that Mr. Ferrer, a lifelong opponent of capital punishment, last month demanded the death penalty in the murder of a police officer in the Bronx.

Other Democratic options are dwindling. Public Advocate Mark Green recently announced he will run for the United States Senate. State Comptroller H. Carl McCall and Congressman Charles Schumer seem to be aiming at the governor's race. Mr. Vallone has made it pretty clear that he values his evenings at home too much to run for mayor. "I need a family life, and I don't know whether this city allows you to have one," he told the Times's Joyce Purnick earlier this year. "I think you can as President. I think you can as Governor. I don't think you can do it as Mayor of the City of New York." The nation's chief executive may have a lot on his plate, but Mr. Vallone is presumably impressed that he does not have to leave the dinner table every time there is an electric explosion in the subways. GAIL COLLINS

Goetz's Attackers Should Have Known Risks

To the Editor:

Re "The Goetz Verdict" (editorial, April 24): Perhaps you have forgotten what it was like to use the New York City subway in the mid-1980's. I haven't, nor have my friends. Riding the subway — with its filth and crime — traumatized many of us who now live elsewhere.

I have never shot anyone, but I certainly fantasized about what retribution I might have taken if I had the chance to pay back those who nudged me, panhandled me aggressively, broke into my apartment or vandalized my car, to name just a few indignities I suffered at the hands of street thugs in the 1980's.

You seem to miss an important point. In my work there are various tradeoffs I accept in order to collect a paycheck. I take on stress, try to make cranky supervisors happy and try to keep happy those over whom I have some responsibility.

If I were a thief — and the individuals who approached Bernhard H. Goetz on the subway, including Darrell Cabey, admitted they were after money — one tradeoff I would have to accept is that in a violent occupation I must risk injury or death. If I'm not willing to make that tradeoff, I should get out of the business.

If Mr. Goetz is truly a racist whose only goal is to shoot members of

minority groups, his opportunities are nearly limitless. I haven't heard that he has done so since that day in 1984 when four thugs approached him in the subway, "asked" for money and then smiled in a way that could only mean that someone's blood would end up on the floor. Why should Mr. Goetz owe \$43 million for defending himself in that situation?

ROBERT F. MARTIN
Washington, April 24, 1996

To the Editor:

Re "The Goetz Verdict" (editorial, April 24): This is one more attempt to choose an aggressor and a victim in a case where all the principal players were aggressors and the victims have been overlooked. In 1987, the consensus was that Bernhard H. Goetz was a victim and that Darrell Cabey and his companions were aggressors. Today the reverse has been suggested.

Having had the experience of being on that No. 2 train that fateful day in December 1984, I contend that there were five aggressors and about 100 victims. As we entered the dimly lit car at 72d Street, which four individuals shouting epithets controlled, my girlfriend took my hand and moved us to the next car. Within minutes, there was terror

and confusion. Running from car to car, we were among the terrorized subway riders who were convinced that a shooter was randomly gunning down passengers. The train stopped between stations for five minutes. We crammed into the last car of the train waiting to be picked off by a crazed gunman.

We were victimized twice that day. We were victimized by four aggressive hoodlums who took pleasure in unerving fellow passengers and by a self-serving gunman who was acting out a personal vengeance without regard for the trauma he imposed on his co-riders.

DAVID KRIEGLER
New York, April 24, 1996

To the Editor:

There is indeed a deep racism in America, but it is not only where Darrell Cabey's lawyer, Ronald L. Kubly, sees it (news article, April 24). Does anyone seriously believe that Bernhard H. Goetz would have been charged with a crime, much less sued, had he been black or his would-be attackers white? Mr. Goetz, the victim of multiple muggings, faced four armed young men with criminal records who demanded money. The worst injustice is that the courts then and now could be an instrument of the hoodlums. MICHAEL LEVINE
New York, April 24, 1996

Putting a Pickwick Cart Before the Horse

To the Editor:

Re Jane E. Brody's April 24 Personal Health column on new treatments for snoring:

Problems relating to obesity, with accumulation of fat in the neck, base of tongue, pharyngeal tissues and abdomen, have always included snoring and disturbed breathing in sleep.

Thirty years ago in medical school we studied the Pickwickian syndrome, named for the portly Dickens character, whose sufferers had poor sleep habits and daytime drowsiness. In the 1960's we were taught that weight loss would resolve this relatively rare problem.

Americans have gained a lot of weight in the last 30 years, so it's not surprising that snoring and sleep apnea are on the rise, too.

By treating snoring as a disease and not as a symptom of chronic overeating and underexercising, we may be doing a disservice to patients.

Now is the time to take a stand on the remodeling of American shapes, with stout, stocky, full-figured, large-boned and extra-large and so on being the politically correct terms today for obesity.



Bernice Caspe

Gastroesophageal reflux (or acid indigestion), adult-onset diabetes and coronary artery disease are just three more major health problems related to poor dietary and exercise life styles. I long for the day when the medical associations emphasize attainment of health as opposed to the treatment of preventable diseases. RONALD HALWEIL, M.D.
Bayonne, N.J., April 25, 1996
The writer is an otolaryngologist.

What Is the Answer to Free, Odious Speech?

To the Editor:

The thought censors seem to be active.

In one case, the Southern Poverty Law Center writes to bookstore chains and distributors urging them to think twice about selling "The Turner Diaries," a race-war novel (news article, April 20).

In another case, Jewish groups prevail on St. Martin's Press not to publish a biography of Joseph Goebbels.

And we have the dismissal of Bob Grant, the radio-talk-show host, after the broadcast of objectionable comments.

Whatever happened to free speech, as odious as some of it may be? Will we someday see the burning of books and videos in Times Square?

TREVOR DICK
New York, April 21, 1996

To the Editor:

Re Frank Rich's "Grant's Unquiet Tomb" (column, April 24), on the dismissal of the radio talk-show host Bob Grant:

There are indeed important questions about how far the right of free speech should be extended to protect repugnant diatribes. But it is worth remembering that the public wants to hear, see and read such speech. Throw in a morbid fascination fueled by bombers, terrorists and perverts and you have a picture of what is going on in a significant number of American minds.

To Keep Yankees, Eminent Domain Makes Sense

To the Editor:

While there is humor in Raymond J. Keating's and Matthew Carolan's April 22 Op-Ed article criticizing my proposal for use of eminent domain to keep the Yankees in New York, what is really comical is the alliance between conservative theorists and the team's main owner, George Steinbrenner, to milk the public treasury.

Eminent domain has been used before. Indeed, the Brooklyn Bridge became public property when the stock of the private corporation that built it was condemned by the legislature. It is a sound legal concept.

It is certainly the only option that doesn't leave us subject to the greed

of professional monopoly sports owners or bribery by neighboring states. And it will get Mr. Steinbrenner to the negotiating table as nothing else will. RICHARD L. BRODSKY
Member of Assembly, 96th Dist.
Albany, April 24, 1996

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Mental Health Coverage Won't Break the Bank

To the Editor:

Re "Senate Passes Health Bill With Job-to-Job Coverage" (front page, April 24):

Business can complain about what it perceives as the specter of Federal requirements to offer employees health insurance coverage for mental illness. But years of research show that covering the treatment of people who suffer from schizophrenia, manic-depressive illness, clinical depression and panic and obsessive-compulsive disorders makes good economic sense.

These are diagnosable, treatable disorders of the brain. Federal research comparing treatments for heart disease with those for clinical depression shows that treatments for depression have better outcomes, 80 percent as against 50 percent for heart disease.

Other studies show a decrease in use of primary medical services when panic disorder and clinical depression are treated.

What research does not show is that equitable insurance coverage would increase use of mental health services and break the bank.

Many people with these disorders can be productive, taxpaying members of the work force. We have too long suffered the pain and economic hardship of the discrimination we face in health insurance simply because our disorders are rooted in chemical and structural irregularities in our brains instead of in our kidneys or hearts. SYBIL SHALO
Exec. Dir., Alliance for Mentally Ill
New York, April 25, 1996

At Naval Academy, Ethics Lapses Go Back Years

To the Editor:

Re your April 24 editorial on ethical lapses at the United States Naval Academy extending beyond the student body:

In 1993, the academy's athletic director, Jack Lengyel, dropped several minor sports teams, citing financial considerations and a student body reduced in size by Congressional mandate. Fencing — the oldest and most successful team at the academy — was discarded after 150 years of producing outstanding athletes. A paltry sum was saved.

In 1995 The Baltimore Sun reported that five months before the teams were dropped, the Navy Athletic Association spent more than \$300,000 on a condominium for the use of athletic director, and sent 96 guests on an all-expenses-paid trip to the Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia.

Despite the publicity over these ethical anomalies, Mr. Lengyel continues to occupy the position of athletic director. JEFFREY R. TISHMAN
Glen Rock, N.J., April 24, 1996

To the Editor:

Re your April 21 news article on the United States Naval Academy's "systemic" problems:

The academy's superintendent, Adm. Charles R. Larson, is doing an excellent job in one respect: he is rooting out malefactors mercilessly. But he has a tougher job ahead, because a great reversal has taken place in society. Midshipmen come from a school system culture where character development gets short shrift.

The academy, standing as it does for decency, honor, honesty and the qualities that make a naval officer a leader, is now the counterexample. It takes the best from 12,000 applicants a year to form a plebe regiment of 1,200. From the grueling plebe summer right through to commissioning week, the honor concept is taught.

Nevertheless, even out of these best, a small number of miscreants will surface. CHARLES J. MORGAN
Stony Brook, L.I., April 21, 1996
The writer is a United States Naval Academy information officer.

Big-Screen Violence: Do Sensibilities Matter?

To the Editor:

Re "Hollywood Thinks You Talk Funny. Darn Tootin'" (Week in Review, April 21), on the movie "Fargo": Marge, the pregnant police chief, asks the sadistic multimurderer, "You did all this for a little bit of money?"

I ask the same question of the powers that be at Polygram Productions, who are probably congratulating themselves for having satisfied those who like to watch blood flowing freely over the movie screen.

Yah, the simple characters do and say dumb things, but the movie makers are not that naive. They know where the big bucks are.

So what if a few sensibilities are disturbed? So what if the story could be told without all that gore? Some of us in the moviegoing public would like to know that we are about to see violence for the sake of violence. Do we matter anymore to the movie makers? PEARL KNITTLE
NORMAN KNITTLE
Hewlett, L.I., April 21, 1996

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They Payeth Much

By Mary Gordon

When I read that the fake pearls that belonged to Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis were sold at Sotheby's auction for \$211,500, I thought of the Gospel image of the pearl of great price. The merchant finds a pearl, sells everything he has and buys it. Then I thought of this sentence of Jesus's: "Where your treasure lies, there also doth your heart lie."

And then I thought of Mary Magdalene falling at the feet of Jesus, bathing His feet with precious ointment, drying them with her hair. It is Judas, the betrayer, who says the ointment should have been sold and the money given to the poor. Jesus rebukes him. The poor you always have with you. He says, suggesting a mystery at the heart of our understanding of money

Camelot's devout: they are rich but are they worthy?

and what it can buy. But is there room in these biblical stories for a \$49,875 tape measure or a humidor sent by Milton Berle to John Kennedy inscribed, "Good luck — good smoking"? The humidor sold for a half-million dollars, 200 times more than predicted. Was the Sotheby's auction a manifestation of an ancient pattern, or the American version of mad cow disease?

I began to think of how odd concepts of worth and value are. We offer something we call money, in the faith that some kind of equivalency is established, an equivalency we call value. "It's good value. It was worth it," we

Mary Gordon, a novelist, is the author of a forthcoming memoir, "The Shadow Man."

say. We sometimes say it was worth it even when we know we paid too much, because we understand we're paying not for the object we have purchased, but for the satisfaction of our desires. But at what price?

Everyone wishes for a world without empty bellies. But almost no one believes any longer in a world in which every human has enough money only for what he or she needs. To our shame, we probably don't even want one. It is sickening to think that 20 inner-city children could be sent to college for what that humidor cost. But it may be equally sickening to imagine a world where somebody tells us what we are allowed to value, therefore what we are allowed to desire and what desires we are allowed to fulfill.

I don't understand paying hundreds of thousands of dollars for a car, but if I could I might do the same for a Matisse drawing. I can say that beauty is worth something, but what do I mean by worth? Or beauty? The owner of a Ferrari thinks the engine is a thing of beauty and a joy forever, and wouldn't know a Matisse from a mackerel. Which of us is right? And whether the money is spent on a car or a drawing, neither is sending poor kids to school.

All this said, the Kennedy auction seems rather a special case. What were people buying? Not faux pearls, not humidors. They were buying a spirit, an aura. They believed that by owning something that touched the flesh of the Kennedys in a continuous and intimate way, they were achieving a continuous intimacy with the Kennedys — especially Jackie, who represented not only glamour but also dignity, serenity and courage.

Do we think that if we can live with something that belonged to them, we are denying their deaths? They haven't left us. Jackie will open the door any moment now and show us the narrowness of her measured waist; any second J.F.K. will light up a cigar.

This primitive desire to be close to an object that touched the body of a worshiped figure makes me think of saints' relics: chips of bone or fingernail or even pieces of cloth that touched the holy body. These were believed to be very powerful. Prayers said before them carried special effi-



Tim Bower

cacy, could even release souls from purgatory. In the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, reliquaries, encrusted with jewels, were created to provide appropriate containers for these precious objects, allowing a display at once reverent and making a point about the wealth of the owner.

Was the Kennedy auction a secular search for the sacred, intersecting, as these searches so often do, with questions of position and of wealth? The poor did not have relics. They might kiss, through glass, a sliver of sacred bone. But they could not own it. Inevitably, my mother's voice also

comes into my head, a working-class, no-nonsense voice saying, "It doesn't pay." This phrase was applied to everything from buying a fur coat, to going out on a hot day, to having an operation, to continuing a quarrel with the in-laws. It was sometimes a very sane restraining device and sometimes an excuse not to risk. It created a world where loss was kept at a minimum, but where pleasure was suspect and beauty thought a waste of time. This was a just world, but it feared both ostentation and desire — often linking the two.

The relationship between desire and justice is morally vexed, which is why the Kennedy auction is so hard to come to terms with. It combines a reverence for something at least some of us believe is worth revering with an excess that calls into question the ideals of these people we revere. And then there is the question of decorum. Or, as my mother would say, "Enough is enough."

Liberties

MAUREEN DOWD

Cosmic Girl

I went to Cosmopolitan once, looking for freelance work. An editor gave me some red binders filled with story ideas. The ideas were oddly reversible.

You could choose "I Had an Affair With My Best Friend's Father" or "I Had an Affair With My Father's Best Friend."

You could choose "My Fling With My Gynecologist/Psychiatrist/Dentist" or "My Year of Celibacy."

Or: "I Am a Puerto Rican Cosmo Girl," "I Am a Black Cosmo Girl," "I Am a Handicapped Cosmo Girl."

Helen Gurley Brown always understood you stick with a winning formula.

The editor of the one of the most successful magazines of all time had never won a prize for editorial content at the National Magazine Awards. But last week, she was honored for her commercial success, named to the editors' Hall of Fame.

She put the glass award on a table outside her office, underneath a picture of the young Christie Brinkley glistening in a gold bikini.

"I parted company with the feminists in the 70's when it was thought that you had to wear charcoal gray turtleneck sweaters and no makeup," said Ms. Brown, wearing Adolfo and jangly gold jewelry. "I was accused of hurting the cause because I was still talking about women as though they were sex objects. But to be a sex object is a wonderful thing and you're to be pitied if you aren't one."

We are sitting in her office, exactly the way you would imagine for the editor who has spent her life urging young women to unleash the inner tiger. There is a leopard-skin rug, pink flowered wallpaper, makeup mirrors on the wall, a candle on the desk, Chanel perfume by the window, and "Sammy Davis Jr.'s Greatest Hits" by the CD player.

Even at 73, Ms. Brown is relentlessly girlish. Her magazine, which also has a case of arrested development, has been running the same stories ("How Big Should the Big O Be?" and "Just a Good Friend or Is She After Your Man?") since it was in college. And it's still the best-selling magazine on college campuses.

In September 1992, the cover blurb was "How to Hold a Man by Giving Him His Freedom." In May '93, it was "How to Hold a Man by Giving Him His Freedom." One bow to modernity: "Men Tell On-Line What Scares Them Silly About Commitment."

Hearst Corporation officials are easing Ms. Brown out, embarrassed

by her downplaying of the AIDS threat for women and her pooh-poohing of sexual harassment, and replacing her with a younger editorial model. In this less-permissive era, Hearst fretted that the Cosmo Girl, fond of lingerie and married men, was as passé as the Playboy Bunny.

But they can't get rid of Ms. Brown so easily. The Cosmo Girl has permeated the culture. She is, after all, just a started-up Cinderella, always believing happiness is just one makeover away. At any newsstand you'll see her man-crazy, sex-obsessed image endlessly, tiresomely replicated, even for the teen set.

On the May cover of YM: "Go Get HIM! Guy-snagging Moves That Really Work." New Woman: "Take

She won't grow up.

Our Love Quiz!" and "Food to Put Him in the Mood." Mademoiselle: "Your Sex Life: 5 Ways to Rock Your World." Woman's Own: "Please Touch! 11 Forgotten Sex Hot Zones." Shape: "The Science of Seduction."

"I used to have all the sex to myself," Ms. Brown sighs. She stayed in amber so long that women circled back her way. Some go to elaborate lengths — breast implants, collagen shots, Wonderbras — to attract men. The sultry fabrics Ms. Brown always promoted — zebra, leopard-skin, satin — are now common at the office.

In an interview with Geraldine Baum of The Los Angeles Times, Debbie Stoller, the editor of BUST, a popular new zine for "girls," complained that "Helen Gurley Brown" is stuck in a Valley of the Dolls world.

But the young editor does homage to Ms. Brown, even if she doesn't know it. She says that the early feminists were "women" who wanted to be like men, while now grown-up "girls" like Madonna and Courtney Love, want the freedom to be "girly" for their own pleasure.

Ms. Brown says: "Even when we grow up, we are all girls. Girl is the feminine side, the playful side, the hopeful side."

Even when Ms. Brown leaves, don't expect the Cosmo girl to grow up. She's too profitable just the way she is.

What the Constitution Requires

By William J. Brennan Jr.

In 1956, Dwight D. Eisenhower appointed me to the Supreme Court. Now, at 80, I am frequently asked to identify the Court's greatest achievements in my 34-year tenure. High on my list is the protection of individual rights and human dignity. Our Constitution is a charter of human rights, dignity and self-determination. I approached my responsibility of interpreting it as a 20th-century American, for the genius of the Constitution rests not in any static meaning it may have had in a world dead and gone but in its evolving character. Only from this perspective has the Court been able to erect some of liberty's most enduring monuments, such as the decision

William J. Brennan Jr. retired from the Supreme Court in 1990.

Abolish the death penalty.

(In 1954) that a public school cannot slam its doors on pupils because of their color.

In my time, it was the living Constitution that required the police to inform the accused of their fundamental rights of defense (in 1966). Only the freedom to reinterpret constitutional language enabled us to conclude (in 1962 and 1964) that each American should have an equal vote and (in 1970) that the Government may not cut a welfare recipient's lifeline without holding a hearing.

But we do not yet have justice for all who do not partake in the abundance of American life. One area of law more than any other besmirches the constitutional vision of human

dignity. My old friend Justice Harry Blackmun called it the "machinery of death." It is the death penalty.

The statistics paint a chilling portrait of racial discrimination on death row. Yet the ultimate problem is more fundamental. The barbaric death penalty violates our Constitution. Even the most vile murderer does not release the state from its obligation to respect dignity, for the state does not honor the victim by emulating his murderer. Capital punishment's fatal flaw is that it treats people as objects to be toyed with and discarded. But I refuse to despair. One day the Court will outlaw the death penalty. Permanently.

The task of nurturing the constitutional ideal of dignity does not rest solely with the nine Justices, or even the cadre of Federal and state judges. We all share the burden.

If I have drawn one lesson in 80 years, it is this: To strike a blow for freedom allows a man to walk a little taller and raise his head a little higher. While he can, he must.

Foreign Affairs

THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

The Envelope, Please

Last week's round of Mideast diplomacy produced both winners and losers. Here's how the judges scored it. **Hafez al-Assad: Loser.** Yes, I know, the conventional wisdom is that the Syrian President, that wily 'ol fox, once again got the better of everybody. He had the foreign ministers of France, Iran, Russia, Italy and the U.S. all jostling for his attention. But you only win in international affairs if you translate your tactical gains into some strategic objective, and Mr. Assad's problem is that he is all tactics and no strategy. He keeps reminding us how indispensable he is for a peace he never defines. Perhaps the way to make sense of Mr. Assad's behavior is to realize that rather than wanting Shimon Peres re-elected, so the peace process would continue, he may actually prefer to see hard-liner Bibi Netanyahu elected, so that the peace process would wither. Then Mr. Assad wouldn't have to face up to his bad choices: Do a deal for the Golan at a time when Syria is relatively weak vis-a-vis Israel or walk away from the peace process and be another Libya.

Mr. Assad may also prefer a hard-liner in power in Israel, because he would prefer a U.S.-Israel relationship of the George Bush-Yitzhak Shamir variety, with all its acrimony, rather than the current warm ties. But Mr. Assad better be careful that he doesn't provoke another Bush-Saddam relationship — with him as Saddam. That is the real cost of these past two weeks for Mr. Assad. More people are onto his game. He can't be the solution to the problem in Lebanon without also having been the problem in the first place. And if he

Who wins in Lebanon?

keeps trying to make himself indispensable, he might one day discover that he has made himself intolerable.

Warren Christopher: Winner/Loser. The U.S. Secretary of State persevered to produce a new cease-fire along the Israel-Lebanon border. In doing that, he saved many civilian lives and, maybe, salvaged the reelection hopes of Mr. Peres. But let's be clear about what happened here. What Mr. Christopher did was prevent a disaster from being the final result of his last three years of Middle East diplomacy and 20-odd trips to Syria — trips that were supposed to be forging a final peace treaty between Syria and Israel, not another cease-fire in Lebanon. Mr. Christopher negotiated this same basic cease-fire three years ago. If he treats this new cease-fire as some big success, then he will be a failure. But if he takes it as an indication that he must rethink his Syria strategy — and the toughness and intensity that will be required of him to actually move Syria into a peace treaty with Israel — then he can be a winner.

Shimon Peres: Possible Winner. The fighting in Lebanon was a reminder to the Israeli public of how unlivable the Mideast is without a peace process. The old Mideast is as bad as we remember. That reminder just

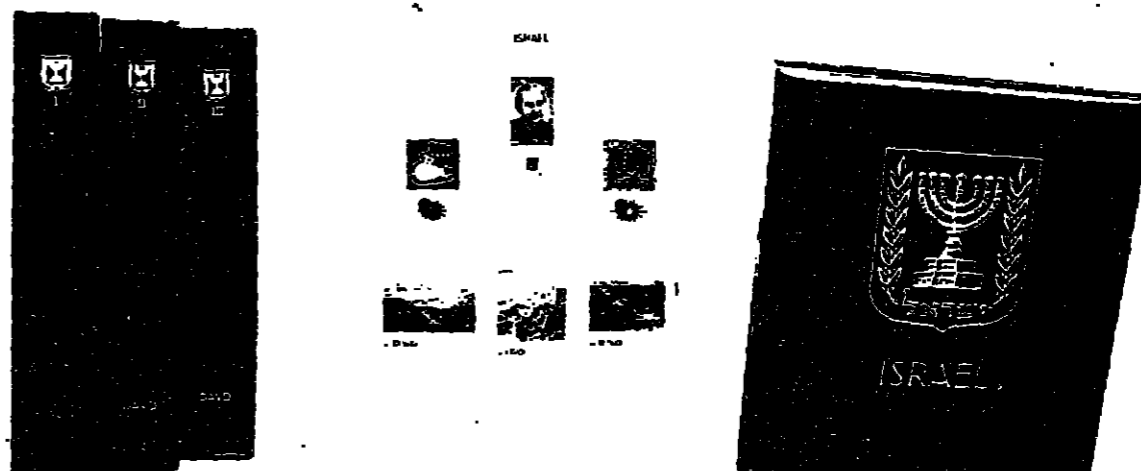
might nudge the Israeli floating vote toward Mr. Peres and the peace process, and away from hard-line Likud Party leader Mr. Netanyahu, whose associates last week were advocating that Israel occupy "more" of Lebanon. That alone should be enough for every draft-age Israeli to vote Labor.

Yasir Arafat: The Big Winner. Mr. Arafat stepped up to his responsibilities and got the Palestine National Council to abrogate those elements of its charter calling for Israel's destruction. This breathed new life into the peace process and into Mr. Arafat's own credibility. In return, Mr. Peres's Labor Party ended its opposition to a Palestinian state. By changing the charter in the midst of the fighting in Lebanon and on Israel's Independence Day, Mr. Arafat also smothered Mr. Assad. It was a signal that Mr. Assad no longer holds any veto over the Palestinians and that unlike the Syrian leader, Mr. Arafat isn't afraid to take his people into a new future.

The Lebanese: Losers. As always, the poor Lebanese were the rope in this Syrian-Israeli tug of war.

The Foreign Ministers of Russia, France and Italy: Losers All. Their Mideastern shuttle, in the shadow of Mr. Christopher's, only complicated the diplomacy. It was a pathetic attempt to re-assert their diplomatic relevancy, after having stood by last year while the U.S. resolved the Bosnia crisis in Europe's own backyard. There is no way Israel, or Syria, would ever turn over its security interests to a European broker. Advice to the Euros: Get a life. Stick to dealing with problems like a common currency and mad cow disease.

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For Amanda Plummer, It's Bring on the Eccentrics

By JAMIE DIAMOND

WHETHER HEARD the story before: Lonely young woman in a nowhere job falls for exciting killer; a road trip with the requisite mayhem ensues. The new British film "Butterfly Kiss," which opens on Friday, has its lonely young woman, all right, but the exciting killer is played by Amanda Plummer.

Nipples pierced, spouting biblical quotations, Ms. Plummer's Eunice may be tough for an audience to take. And that's not all: the character is also masochistic, sadistic, bisexual and homicidal.

As Ms. Plummer, 39, puts it in her quavering, breakable-china voice: "I don't play roles everybody likes. I'd rather have a career I'm proud of. Like everyone else, I need to eat. But I'm a very unbusinesslike person, and I keep my price low. I'm not a mass product. I'm not everyone's cup of tea."

It's true that in the late 70's, when she appeared in her first Off Broadway play, "Artichoke," the critic John Simon likened her to Shirley Temple doing Boris Karloff. (Of her Eunice in "Butterfly Kiss" one might she sounds like Tinkerbell doing Travis Bickle.) In 1979, she was in her first film, "Cattle Annie and Little Britches." Pauline Kael, writing about her in that film in The New Yorker, said, "The only other actress I've seen make a movie debut so excitingly, weirdly lyrical was Katharine Hepburn."

On Broadway, Ms. Plummer went on to win Tony Awards for "A Taste of Honey" in 1981 and "Agnes of God" in 1982. The following year, after Sidney Lumet directed her in the film "Daniel," he compared her to the young Marlon Brando.

Still, the next time America's darling, Meg Ryan, turns down a role, it's not likely to go to Amanda Plummer. Ms. Plummer specializes in playing incandescent eccentrics. Like Lydia, the bashful object of Robin Williams's affections in the 1991 film "The Fisher King." Or Honey-Bunny, the twitchy, trigger-happy would-be robber in "Pulp Fic-

tion." Or Eunice, the self-mutilating mass murderer in "Butterfly Kiss," in which she stars with Saskia Reeves.

"I'm lucky I'm not a babe who wants to do character roles," says Ms. Plummer, who drives an un-bellike 1979 Volvo and lives in a rented house in Coldwater Canyon in Los Angeles with the English screenwriter Paul Chart. "I like taking a path into new country, and I always take the darker path. Not because it's dark but because there's a secret there that you can share when you get out. That's what I liked as a kid. That's how I approach my work. With a face like mine, it's lucky I have a heart that likes that."

"I don't find anything interesting about the choices a character faces in major films or theater projects," she adds. "The characters are just cut-out dolls with the American flag sewn on them."

As the only child of a brief marriage between the American actor Tammy Grimes and the British actor Christopher Plummer, Ms. Plummer had an unusual upbringing. "My mother was larger than life," she says. "She was very glamorous, which is probably why I was a tomboy. Fortunately, now when I wear something nice I don't lose my identity." With her mother frequently on the road and her father in England, she often lived with her grandparents in New England.

"My grandmother was schizophrenic," she says. "I'd look into her eyes and see a self that had no opinion. I was allowed to say or feel anything."

But Ms. Plummer preferred to say things in writing and feel things in books. She was anchored to the Earth in ways that most people would not recognize. "I had a strong propensity, which I still have, to be invisible," she says. "In grade school, I'd try to disappear and become formless. I lived in a very imaginary world. I loved poetry and wrote my first novel when I was 9. It was about a little girl and the people she met in the woods."

"I was going to be the hero of my own life. When you live in a world of make-believe it's not because something is bad but because something is more in the make-believe. Every-

thing was more heightened, more love, more death. I'm an opera. If I didn't act, I'd be all over the place."

Because she came from a family of theatrical luminaries, her decision to act was a complicated one. "It's not easy to follow in the parents' footsteps," she says. "Now it's O.K., but it wasn't at first. I'd hear a lot of, 'That's not your voice, that's my voice. You sound too much like me; you're doing that on purpose.'"

When, at the age of 21, she made her Off Broadway debut, she so impressed Lamont Johnson that he asked her to audition for his film "Cattle Annie."

"She came in to read in a torn man's shirt, torn jeans and hair hanging all around her face," he says. "Not improper grooming. No grooming, period. She was smoking furiously, and I kept wondering if she was going to set herself on fire. So I went over and pulled her hair back to see her marvelous bone structure, and it was like I raped her. Her eyes got frightened, and she withdrew. I said, 'But we can't see you acting,' and she completely changed."

"Ask her to be a character in a story and she's on fire," he continues. "She walks on crumbling ground, and she knows it, and yet she keeps right on taking the next step. It's the danger you smell around people who live on the edge that makes them exciting. And she's got plenty of that."

Elizabeth Ashley, who played a psychiatrist opposite Ms. Plummer's pregnant nun in "Agnes of God," says: "She's one of those people who has no physical skin, no calluses, no shell. She doesn't act; she absorbs."

To play Eunice, Ms. Plummer, not a British bisexual serial killer herself, had quite a bit of absorbing to do: she had to become a woman who spoke with a strong Blackpool accent, chopped off a man's head, engaged in explicit nude love scenes, and wore chains dangling from rings that pierced some very sensitive parts of her body. (Through movie magic, the piercings only looked real.)

"Eunice's sense of isolation, her feeling of being at odds with the



Amanda Plummer in Los Angeles—In "Butterfly Kiss" she sounds like Tinkerbell doing Travis Bickle.

world and other people, her wanting people to recognize who she is but feeling a great distance between them—maybe that's what appealed to Amanda about the character," suggested the film's director, Michael Winterbottom. "And why she's so good at the role."

"We wanted a story of two opposites, one person being aggressive and strong and forcing people to pay attention, and one being passive and quiet and being ignored. We thought it would be too crude if one were a man and one were a woman. We thought it would be nicer if they were of the same sex."

small roles in commercial ones. Lawrence Bender, the producer of "Pulp Fiction," thinks that this trend took off when low-budget movies stopped being synonymous with exploitation movies.

"In a low-budget film, there are fewer financial pressures, and an actor like Amanda can take more risks," he says. "She's a chameleon, and a chameleon you can't take your eyes off."

As for the roots of Eunice's character, "bisexuality was not a central issue," he says.

Like a number of other actors, Ms. Plummer has chosen to pursue big roles in small movies rather than

Adrift in Warhol's World

By STEPHEN HOLDEN

GAZING desperately into the gloom, scrunching my 23-year-old features into an expression I hoped would convey the essence of tormented poetic melancholy, I chain-smoked Benson & Hedges cigarettes, took dramatic little gulps of bourbon from a paper cup and fought back imaginary tears.

Deepening the mood of romantic agony was the voice of Dionne Warwick sobbing "A House is Not a Home." It wasn't the soundtrack I had asked for when Andy Warhol invited me one evening in the fall of 1964 to drop by his Factory on East 47th Street and make a movie in which I could do anything I wanted. The scene-setting musical accompaniment for this 20-minute silent film of the sensitive young poet "brooding" was supposed to have been Mahler.

But hey! This was my motion picture debut, and I wasn't about to ruin it by being a finicky prima donna. And anyway the director was nowhere to be seen.

The only other person in the loft was Warhol's assistant, Gerard Malanga, who aimed the camera at the couch where I struck a "maudlin" pose. I prayed that I wasn't making a complete fool of myself.

In those days, I was an aspiring young writer on the fringe of a bohemian circle that orbited around the poet Frank O'Hara. One evening a bunch of us found ourselves at a party given by the poet Barbara Guest where Warhol, who was still an underground figure in the art world, happened to be in attendance. I had already heard about his Factory, where anybody could drop in and be given a screen test, and I invited myself over.

Those interested in the history of the Factory and in Warhol's personality in the 1960's will find surprisingly accurate reconstructions of both in Mary Harron's new film, "I Shot Andy Warhol," which opens on Wednesday and will be shown at the Cannes International Film Festival next week. This semi-docudrama stars Lili Taylor as Valerie Solanas, who shot and seriously wounded Warhol on June 3, 1968. Solanas, the angry feminist founder of SCUM (the Society for Cutting Up Men), was furious at Warhol for not recognizing her playwrighting "genius."

Although my untitled 20 minutes of preening angst was made three and a half years before these events, the look and feeling of the place were pretty much the same. It was a bohemian open house and a playpen for misfits who were legends in their own minds. Even in 1964, the atmosphere was charged with a mysterious, slightly scary buzz. When I asked a fellow Factory visitor to explain, he summed it up in one

word: amphetamine.

It was an atmosphere that probably had to explode sooner or later, since Warhol's film aesthetic was propelled by a voyeurism that dared each new wave of "superstars" to go further in self-exposure than the one before.

Warhol, who was only in his mid-



Valerie Solanas in 1968—She did shoot Andy Warhol.

30's when I met him, was almost handsome, with a cleft chin, a sensual mouth and a shock of silver-blond hair that slanted down over one eyebrow like that in the famous photograph of Truman Capote on the back of "Other Voices, Other Rooms." But the fact that the hair was a wig, his skin pasty and blotched lent him an aura of neurotic ill health.

There was something creepy in the contradiction between Warhol's boyish enthusiasm and the attitude of stylized ennui through which he filtered it. If words like "fabulous!" and "wow!" were typical of his responses to people and to the gossip he devoured with an insatiable fascination, they were uttered in the voice of a faux-innocent little boy.

Jared Harris's impersonation of the artist in the movie captures Warhol's verbal style with eerie perfection. He had the speech mannerisms of a bashful child, bumping along on ers, ums, goshes and gees. Was this the carefully cultivated affectation of a jaded fashion maven or the genuinely fearful manner of an arty high school kid who grew up feeling like a freak and an outcast?

After the filming, Warhol appeared and the two of us ambled uptown, he to his apartment somewhere in the East 90's and I to the \$30-a-month tenement I shared with a friend on East 62d Street. As we strolled up First Avenue, he stopped and stood transfixed in front of a supermarket window, behind which glared a stack of Day-Glo colored Brillo boxes.

Then he turned to me and gasped, "Aren't they beautiful?"

I wondered if he was joking. But in a matter of months, Warhol's first exhibition of Brillo boxes created a pop-art sensation.

I never saw my movie, although I heard it was one of many films projected onto a wall of the Balloon Farm, an early mixed-media environment that Warhol installed in an East Village nightclub a couple of years later. Warhol had assured me over the telephone that I was "terrific" and had "great screen presence," but I knew I would be mortified watching myself indulge in a self-dramatizing sulk.

Despite my qualms about the Factory, I did drop into it several more times. During one visit, the documentary film maker Emile De Antonio consumed an entire bottle of booze while the camera trailed him around for more than an hour. The sight of someone losing control and lurching around in front of the camera only confirmed my suspicion that an invitation to appear in a Warhol film was a request to get naked and go crazy.

By the time of my last visit to the Factory, in the spring of 1965, what had been a bohemian open house only months earlier was developing into a high-powered scene. The occasion was a party for Rudolf Nureyev, then the toast of New York. I remember watching the dancer strut out of the elevator, the quintessence of princely hauteur, with an entourage of handsome young men. Under the blaze of his charisma, the party's three other star guests—Montgomery Clift, Judy Garland and Tennessee Williams—seemed to wilt, as they huddled together on the couch, looking intimidated and rather wrecked.

Warhol never fully recovered from the wounds Solanas inflicted. The last time we talked, at a party a decade after I first met him, he was a shriveled, ashen shell of his former self, a zombie who seemed isolated within his chattering circle of hangers-on. His dead eyes looked like windows inviting people to jump through them. And many had taken the plunge. In his passivity I sensed a malevolence.

It took 25 years for the rest of the world to catch on to what Warhol already understood about fame and the power of pop iconography in America. Nowadays, on any morning you can flip from channel to channel and find the descendants of Warhol's "superstars" getting naked, going crazy and ripping open their lives for Jerry Springer, Richard Bey, Sally Jessy Raphael and any number of other talk-show ringmasters. I can almost hear Warhol clucking his approval at each soul-baring, tear-drenched exhibition.

"You were terrific," he would say in his husked, oh-wow voice. "You have great screen presence."

WOOD PLAY

By DIANE C. BALDWIN / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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- 26 Guiding light: Var.
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- 36 Like the north wind
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When does a crime involve moral turpitude?

LAW REPORT
ASHER FELIX LANDAU

In the Supreme Court, sitting as a Court of Civil Appeals, before Justices Mishael Cheshin, Yitzhak Zamir, and Dalit Dorner, in the matter of Haim Cohen, appellant, versus Shmuel Cohen, Lior Horev, and the Labor Party, respondents (C.A. 2211/96).

BETWEEN 1980 and 1985 the appellant, Haim Cohen, a public servant and member of the Labor Party, committed three offences of accepting bribes and two of theft. Legal proceedings against him started in 1986, and his appeal to the Supreme Court against his District Court conviction was dismissed in 1993. He was sentenced to three months' conditional imprisonment.

The respondents, Shmuel Cohen and Lior Horev moved the party's supreme tribunal to cancel the appellant's membership. The tribunal, however, dismissed the application.

The party then accepted the appellant's application for inclusion in its primaries list, and the above respondents appealed to the party's petitions committee to cancel that decision.

The appeal was dismissed, and those respondents then applied to the Jerusalem District Court to remove the appellant from the list.

The court allowed the application, ruling that the committee's decision was in breach of section 6.1.4. of the party's election constitution of January 20, 1996. Under that section a candidate could not be included in the primaries if he had been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude, unless 10 years had passed since the conviction, or seven years since he served his sentence.

The appellant then appealed to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, in giving

judgment, said the appellant's conviction of theft was not discussed in the appeal. The question arose, however, whether accepting bribes was a crime involving moral turpitude. Citing precedents including Udah's case (H.C.251/88, *The Jerusalem Post Law Reports*, page 84), it reiterated the two tests to be applied - the circumstances of the particular case, and the purpose of the relevant legislation.

Section 60(a) of the party's constitution, the court continued, empowered the tribunal to cancel a person's membership if he was convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude. However, it had decided in the appellant's case that in view of the constitution's objects and the extremely long period that had elapsed since the crimes were committed, they did not fall within that category.

The petitions committee chairman, it said, regarded herself bound by the tribunal's decision (although she disagreed with it), and the committee followed the tribunal's ruling. Needless to add, appellant's counsel strongly urged the court to do likewise.

THE SUPREME COURT, in dealing with the appellant's appeal against his conviction, had emphasized the gravity of a public servant accepting bribes, and the necessity of imposing a sentence of actual imprisonment unless special circumstances justified a lighter penalty. It then ruled clearly that the appellant's crimes of accepting bribes did involve moral turpitude. However, it declined to send him to prison only because of the many years that had elapsed since the crimes were committed.

The court now wished to emphasize in the clearest terms its rejection of the tribunal's

finding that the appellant's accepting bribes did not involve moral turpitude. At the same time, there was much substance in its consideration of the inordinate delays in the court proceedings which followed, and the long period since the crimes were committed.

The question now remained what course the court should follow. It had in the past expressed its reluctance to intervene in decisions of voluntary associations' tribunals. Members of such bodies were presumed to have submitted in advance to such decisions, and it was inappropriate for them to request the court to interfere with decisions they did not like.

Citing precedents, the court ruled that only in a few limited and defined circumstances would it intervene - where the tribunal had exceeded its powers, or where it had violated the rules of natural justice. It was of course possible that other completely exceptional cases could arise.

Only after anxious consideration did the court decide not to intervene in the present case. The moral turpitude remained, and the tribunal erred in ruling otherwise.

On the other hand, it had not exceeded its powers, nor had it violated the rules of natural justice. Moreover, there were no other exceptional circumstances which justified the court's intervention.

For the above reasons the appeal was allowed, and the District Court judgment was set aside.

Uzi Atzmon and Yosef Alon appeared for the appellant; Eitan Peleg (Pomeranz) appeared for Shmuel Cohen and Horev; and Ehud Seggev and Yitzhak Herzog appeared for the Labor Party.

The judgment was given on March 24, 1996.

The Palestinian Authority Postal Service is slowly but surely getting on its feet. Jay Levinson reports

WANT to send a letter to Saudi Arabia? If you paste an Israeli stamp on the envelope and drop it into a mail collection box in Tel Aviv, it will not get very far. But, there is a solution - the Palestinian Authority Postal Service.

Put a PA stamp on that same letter, place it in a mail box in the PA, and off the envelope goes towards its destination. Plain and simple? Yes, but after a rocky start.

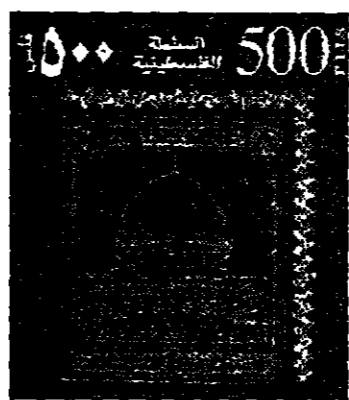
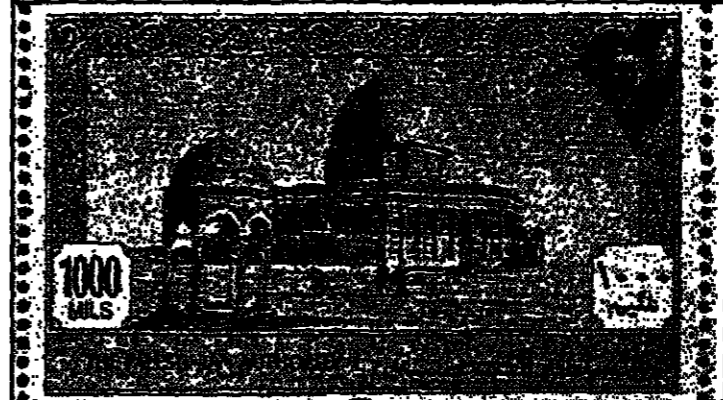
Following the Oslo accords, the nascent PA issued a short set of four definitive stamps showing its coat of arms. It then ordered the printing of a series of postage stamps bearing denominations from 5 to 1000 mils (5 agorot to NIS 10) and showing the national flag and various historical sites.

However, Israel objected to the monetary unit reminiscent of the old British Mandate coinage. As a result, the stamps in the large series were printed over with the same values, now called fils.

According to Ahmad Gharib, a veteran Gaza postal employee who started working there before the Six Day War when Egypt ruled Gaza and who now heads the PA Philatelic Bureau, the relatively few mils stamps which were not overprinted are still valid for postage, but only within the PA.

They may not be used for postage from the PA to Israel or to destinations abroad.

The next PA stamp series, released in 1995, also had its problems. The Oslo accords explicitly specify that all stamps must clearly carry the words



At the top, a PA stamp bears the monetary unit of mils, which Israel objected to because of its affiliation with the coinage during the British Mandate; a stamp with a newer design (center) replaces mils with fils; another problematic stamp (left) reproduces the motifs of the British Mandate (left).

which showed national garb, yet another series was released shortly before spring with a Christmas motif.

"Palestine Authority." And so on the 1995 series the words "Palestine Authority" appear in both English and Arabic.

The problem was that the pictures on the stamps were reproductions of British Mandate stamps. This made newspaper headlines as some Israelis interpreted the Mandate stamps labeled "Palestine" as a political affront.

Not all the problems have been political. After a short series

cash sent by registered mail is accepted. According to Gharib, the banking system is not yet set up to handle check clearance quickly.

In addition, not all stamps have been distributed to the post offices, so "buying everything" does not insure acquiring full sets of all issues. There are stickers for airmail and registration, but there are still no aerograms, postcards, or international reply coupons.

Another catch is that service is restricted to first-class letters, meaning one can't send a package.

Kamil Shaath, director-general of the PA Ministry of Communications and Post, said that in addition to the objective problems of starting the postal service from zero, the closure makes it even more difficult to get the service up and running.

"No, I am not talking politics," he explained. "We cannot send stamps from Gaza to the post office in Nablus... We cannot move the mails."

However, even prior to the closure, letters did not move quickly to or from the PA. A registered letter from Jerusalem to Gaza took three weeks to arrive.

Still, the mail is moving now. Originally, all PA mail was forwarded via Israel. Now, most foreign mail takes this route, but items to Arab countries are sent directly from the West Bank via Jordan or from Gaza via Egypt.

For those interested in starting a PA stamp collection, it is still not clear how to collect the stamps. Singles are no problem and there aren't any plate blocks. However, the upper gutter row has PA written in Arabic; the lower gutter has the same text in English. Only time will tell if these rows will become valuable to collectors, as the tab rows on Israeli issues have.

Crossing into the PA can be an interesting experience in itself, but it has mixed rewards if you want to buy stamps. Postal clerks, most of whom had worked for the Israeli postal system, tend to be friendly as they curiously size up Israeli customers.

US smugglers having a field day with CFCs

EARTHLY CONCERNS
DYVORA BEN SHAUL

ALTHOUGH drugs and weapons are still the two things that figure most prominently in international smuggling, a new commodity on the smugglers' list has been the traffic in CFCs, which are banned in many Western countries - most recently the US and Canada.

According to the Miami Customs Office, these prohibited chemicals now rank second only to drugs on the US smuggling list.

Chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, are principally used as a propellant in aerosol sprays and as a coolant in refrigeration and air-conditioning systems. They are in especially high demand for small air conditioners in vehicles.

They have, however, been implicated as one of the most serious causes of depletion of the ozone layer, which surrounds the earth and limits the amount of ultra-violet light that enters the atmosphere.

This ozone layer already shows serious depletion, and the damage is continuing and getting worse.

According to the terms of the Montreal Protocol of 1987, which was framed to help prevent the depletion of the ozone layer, all local production of CFCs in the US and Canada was to cease by January this year, although some companies would be allowed to continue the production of this material for sales to developing countries, where there is an additional 10-year grace period before they stop production and/or use.

The alternatives to CFCs for refrigeration purposes, and in some cases to their use in aerosol containers, are mostly more expensive, often require major changes in the refrigeration system and, in certain conditions, marginally less effective.

This has created a large demand for CFCs in the US, where only completely new equipment produced after 1988 is originally suited to alternative coolants.

According to Miami customs officials, at least 22,410 tons of CFC coolants were smuggled into the US last year, and they believe there were more than that.

They expect another increase this year. Many of these shipments originate in India, Russia and Mexico, where they are still

produced, but a good many may be produced in the US for export and then diverted, laundered in the Lesser Antilles or in the Cayman Islands and smuggled back into the US.

The job of government agents in tracking these illegal shipments is not made any easier by the attitude of the Republican-controlled US Congress, whose leading members are pressing to rescind the terms of the Montreal Protocol and allow domestic production and use to continue at least until the year 2000.

To bolster their arguments, Congress has invited dissident scientists who hold the minority view that CFCs are probably not to blame for ozone depletion and that in any case "nature will repair the problem."

Just how far Congress will get with this stand is not yet clear, but in the meantime the smugglers are having a field day.

A 15-kilogram canister of CFCs, about the amount needed for a standard air-conditioning unit, can be purchased for \$70 in Europe or even less in Asia, but brings a sale price of \$242 on the US black market.

Scientists smell success for artificial nose

THERE'S a simple premise behind what Larry Myers does for a living: If you can smell it, you can find it.

Myers is the founder of Auburn University's Institute for Biological Detection Systems, an oddball assortment of veterinarians, chemists and physiologists chasing the ultimate in detection devices - an artificial nose.

For now, the subject of their research is little more than a stack of gleaming chips tucked away in a laboratory drawer.

But soon, such a tool could be hanging from the belts of police, arson investigators and food-safety inspectors.

"The technology that they're working on would suggest quite reasonably that, within three to five years, we'll have some workable sensors ready to use," says Robert C. Wilson, a veterinarian, pharmacologist and the institute's current director.

Such devices might find wide use in places that attract bomb-toting terrorists. Police could detect drugs, bodies and bombs stashed in cars, while food inspectors could easily test food and water for contamination.

The implications for revolutionary advances in public safety and the food industry are astounding. But so, too, are the possibilities for abuse: Such machines could determine whether a woman is ovulating, without a physical exam - or

even her knowledge.

"The American way is to be uncomfortable with broad searches," says Glen Marx, a sociology professor who studies police surveillance from his office at the University of Colorado.

"One of the traditional protectors of American liberty is that it has been impossible to search everyone. That's getting not to be the case."

Myers founded the Auburn institute in 1989 with three missions in mind. He wanted to improve the ability of drug and bomb dogs to do their work. He wanted to expand science's understanding of the basic physiology of smell. And he wanted to use that knowledge to create an artificial biosensor, what Myers calls a "nose on a chip."

Myers recently resigned from the institute to focus on his work with dogs. But he's still very much involved in the work on artificial biosensors at Auburn, where the approach is totally different from anything ever seen before.

Take, for instance, AromaScan. About 200 copies of the sensor have been sold to industries and researchers at about \$50,000 apiece.

It's a desktop machine based on a bank of conductive plastic chips sensitive to specific classes of chemicals, called volatiles, that evaporate into the air.

As air is sucked into the machine, chemicals pass over the sensor surfaces and produce changes in the electrical current flowing through them. Those current changes are logged into a computer attached to the system, and the unit is then programmed to recognize odors based on their electrical signatures.

The company that makes AromaScan boasts it "emulates the human nose." The Food and Drug Administration and university researchers who use it say that's not quite the case.

The machine does work in a limited way. It's good at picking out things that don't belong where they are - such as crude oil in fish exposed to spills.

But it just isn't sensitive or smart enough to figure out when food has begun to spoil, says Walter Staruszkiewicz, a research chemist in the FDA's seafood lab in Washington. That's because it focuses on

volatiles, not the organic compounds that arise when flesh decays.

"It technically has possibilities," Staruszkiewicz says. "But as things stand today, you're basically working in the dark. It's very much like looking at a snowstorm against a white sky and trying to see the flakes."

Researchers at Auburn want to abandon the plastic sensors in favor of proteins that trigger the animal smell response.

When odors drift into an animal's nose, proteins sensitive to that smell trip a series of changes in what's called the olfactory bulb. Those changes release additional chemicals that travel to the brain and are interpreted as smell.

Auburn researchers have already proved that thin layers of such chemicals carried on metal chips can signal the presence of nearby compounds. The first sensors detected potassium, and

Myers says sensors for lead in water, among other things, would be easy enough to make.

Now the trick is to learn more about how animals identify odors, isolate additional smell-sensitive chemicals and figure out ways of putting them onto chips.

By using biological compounds - cloned odor receptors, odor-sensitive mucus, and proteins that set off the smell reaction - the researchers hope to get past the background interference that plagues today's smell detectors.

They also expect to load a single fingernail-size chip with thousands of odor receptors, enough to create a sensor that's nearly as sensitive as a dog's nose, Myers says.

Wilson isn't so sure. "We're not ready for a competition with the dogs," he says. And when that day comes, "being a veterinarian, I suspect the dogs might win anyway." (AF)



And I Shall Dwell Among Them Historic Synagogues of the World

Photographs and commentary by Neil Folberg

For the last three years Neil Folberg, a former student of Ansel Adams, has travelled the world, visiting Jewish communities past and present and photographing both grand-scale and modest synagogues, in places ranging from India to the Czech Republic, to Israel, the American South and the Caribbean. An essay by Yom Tov Assis focuses on the social and cultural history of the Jews, and Neil Folberg's first-person account of his photographs accompanies each of the chapters, which are divided into geographic regions. A superb full color album, it provides a vibrant window onto the Jewish cultural past.

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CEO quits La Nationale after poor '95

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

LA NATIONALE general manager Dr. Moshe Pereg submitted his resignation at the end of last week following the insurance company's heavy losses in 1995. La Nationale will publish its net results for 1995 today, the last day a company is allowed to publish its annual results according to the Securities Authorities regulations. Industry sources expect the firm to announce a net loss of about NIS 170m. for 1995 and a fourth quarter net loss of NIS 100m. Fourth quarter losses represent the fourth straight quarter it has recorded poorer earnings compared with the same 1994 period. Pereg, who will quit at month's end, could not be reached for comment. La Nationale chairman Bar Cochva Ben Gera will take over. He is also general manager of Hadar Insurance, La Nationale's parent company. It is not certain if Pereg will keep his 10-percent stake in the firm. Insurance sources said the losses are expected to erode La

Nationale's shareholders capital to NIS 30m. The losses are mainly due to the cancellation of kibbutz life insurance policies and the payment of large fines to subcontractors as a result of delays in premium payments. At the end of last week, Hadar's board of directors agreed to increase La Nationale's shareholders capital by NIS 20m. in an attempt to enable the company to meet the minimum shareholders capital requirements set by the supervisor of insurance. The board rejected Pereg's proposal to sell the firm to one of the economy's large conglomerates. Hadar is reportedly considering merging La Nationale's insurance activities with its insurance division and looking into the possibility of turning it into a private firm. Hadar also reportedly plans to publish a profile through which La Nationale's shareholders will be able to maintain their voting rights in the company by investing additional capital.

Northern residents want NIS 2.3b. in aid

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN and GALIT LIPKIS BECK

INDUSTRIALISTS and government officials yesterday estimated the direct damage inflicted on businesses and individuals in the North at some NIS 200 million, while local leaders demanded the government launch reconstruction programs to the tune of NIS 2.3 billion. The Manufacturers Association appealed to the Finance Ministry and the Income Tax Authorities to help industrial firms in the North that have incurred direct and indirect damages of about NIS 100m. The Income and Property Tax Commission, meanwhile, estimated that at least an additional NIS 100m. was lost by small businesses and home owners. The manufacturers reported 100 firms, employing about 11,000 workers, were forced to close during the 17-day operation, and three factories were hit by Katyushas. Leaders of municipalities and regional councils, who met in Kiryat Shmona with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat, demanded the government exempt that city from property taxes, a 75 percent exemption for other settlements along the Lebanese border, budget-deficit

to impose new taxes. The Income Tax Commission has so far paid NIS 6m. in compensation. The authority received more than 700 claims in the first few hours after opening claims centers in Kiryat Shmona and Nahariya yesterday morning. In the final day of fighting alone, more than 100 apartments were damaged, bringing the total number to 1,450. In the first stage of its program, the Treasury will compensate people for property damage and will later offer payment to those who lost income as a result of not being able to work during the operation. Although he decided not to cancel the property taxes for Kiryat Shmona residents, Shohat said the government has marked the city as a preferred industrial area, and Prime Minister Shimon Peres said he will encourage state companies to purchase goods from factories in Kiryat Shmona by granting companies an exemption from the bidding process. Income Tax Commissioner Doron Levy announced that residents of cities in the confrontation area will have until May 15 to file income tax payments for March.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

"Smart cards" that are electronically "filled" with money credits will probably take over for Telecards, Bezeq officials predicted yesterday. Nevertheless, Bezeq launched its new telephone card marking the 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem's becoming David's capital in a ceremony at Bezeq headquarters attended by Mayor Ehud Olmert. The 120-phone unit card was designed by Sharon Murro with help from her father Haim Murro, who - ironically - was for years the manufacturer of Bezeq's now-obsolete phone tokens (asimolim). *Judy Siegel*

An agreement arranging the transfer of employees from Siegel to its parent subsidiaries has been reached between company management and the workers' new representatives. The accord allows Bezeq to go ahead quickly with its subsidiaries, which must compete with the private market. Since the daughter companies are fully owned by Bezeq, workers can more easily be transferred from one company to another. *Judy Siegel*

UN parley begins here: The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) begins its annual meeting in Tel Aviv today, after having earlier considered canceling it due to the hostilities in the North. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Net profit increases at Avner Insurance

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

AVNER Insurance, the company which compensates automobile accident victims, completed the year with an increase in net profit to NIS 34.29 million from NIS 23.82m. in 1994. The improved earnings come after many years in which the company reported large annual losses. The consortium's accumulated deficit decreased to NIS 750m. from about NIS 1b. at the end of 1994. Key factors which contributed to the higher earnings included a growth in premium payments to NIS 1.55 billion from NIS 1.32b., primarily due to a rise in tariffs, and growth in number of cars on the road. Total revenues increased to NIS

1.67b. from NIS 1.33b. while total claims rose to NIS 1.4b. from NIS 1.2b. The company's total expenses rose to NIS 58.6m. from NIS 49.3m., despite implementation of efficiency measures. According to Avner's contract with insurance firms, it pays automobile accident victims compensation of 70%, while the insurance firms pay 30% of the cost. But Eiyahu Insurance, which was involved in a legal conflict with Avner at the start of the year, has decided to cut all relations with the consortium. Eiyahu announced yesterday that as of next year it will independently incur the compensation costs for its automobile accident victims.

Panel approves banking bill amendment

EVELYN GORDON

THE Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved the hard core of the Brodet Committee recommendations to cut and cap the banks' holdings of real assets, and plans to send the bill to the plenum for its final reading next week. Because it did not have time to finish the entire bill by the end of the current Knesset session, it split the bill into two parts. Those parts necessary to implement the Brodet recommendations were passed yesterday, except for one clause which it will finish up tomorrow. However, all amendments not directly related to the Brodet report were killed due to the lack of time. If the government wants them passed, it can reintroduce

them in a separate bill next Knesset session, said committee chairman Gedalya Gal (Labor). The bill states that banks must reduce real assets to a maximum of 20 percent of their equity by the year 2000. In 2001, the maximum percentage will be reduced to 18%, and in 2002 to 16%. In addition, banks will not be able to hold a controlling stake in more than one major holding company. The latter is defined as a firm with an equity of more than NIS 1.25 billion, and with investments of more than NIS 12.5m. in three or more economic sectors. The committee changed the bill before approving it. One of the

most significant was the elimination of a clause requiring mutual funds controlled by the banks to ensure that outside directors have a majority on the funds' investment committees. However, the committee retained the clause, saying such funds' votes in shareholders' meetings must be determined by the outside directors. The committee also decided that business promotion banks would be allowed to control start-ups for up to six years, and the state can put conditions on the resale of assets sold as a result of the bill. The one clause still under debate is one that would forbid banks to hold less than a controlling stake in another bank or financial institution.

Indigo to unveil restructuring plan today

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

INDIGO, the beleaguered digital printing firm that was hailed as a market phenomenon only last summer, is expected to announce a drastic restructuring program today. The Dutch-based company, which has research and development and manufacturing facilities in Rehovot, is expected to fire some 300 employees, about one-third of the company's staff, industry sources said. The company spokesman refused to comment. As recently as last August,

Indigo founder Benny Landa appeared on the cover of *BusinessWeek*, which featured his company as one of a handful of highly successful Israeli firms to make it onto the international high-tech stage. At the time the article was published, shares in Indigo, which went public on Nasdaq in 1994, had just fallen to \$45 after hitting a high of more than \$60 earlier that month. The retreat, following reports of second-quarter losses, put Indigo in a more realistic position, the article said. But the losing trend persisted, and the company's stock plummeted until bottoming out at \$7 per share, before the stock recently started recovering. On Friday, the last day of trading, Indigo's stock closed at \$16. After incurring losses of between \$40m.-\$50m. in 1995, the company's market value dropped from a high of \$3.3b. to a current \$800m. Industry sources said the current growing pains do not necessarily signify stunted growth and expect that the company - which has worked on projects with such companies as AT&T, 3M and Japan's Toppan Printing Co. Group - will rebound.

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Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.825	4.825	5.000
U.S. dollar (\$100,000)	4.825	4.825	4.800
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.750	1.750	2.000
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.375	0.375	0.625
Yen (10 million yen)			

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (25.4.96)

Currency	Banknotes	Rep. Rates
Currency basket	3.5778	3.5777
U.S. dollar	3.2025	3.2025
German mark	2.0878	2.0878
French franc	4.9412	4.9412
Japanese yen (100)	0.8216	0.8216
British pound	2.9571	2.9571
Swiss franc	1.8771	1.8771
Spanish peseta	2.5941	2.5941
Italian lira (1000)	2.0882	2.0882
Portuguese escudo	0.4894	0.4894
Swedish krona	0.4894	0.4894
Denmark krone	0.5854	0.5854
Finland mark	0.6527	0.6527
Canadian dollar	2.3943	2.3943
Australian dollar	2.5179	2.5179
S. African rand	0.7321	0.7321
Belgian franc (10)	1.0404	1.0404
Austrian schilling (10)	2.5841	2.5841
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Precious metals suffer losses

COMMODITIES ROUNDUP

NEW YORK precious metals futures suffered losses on Friday, as commodity funds were seen liquidating long positions, established during Thursday's rally.

Analysts said the metals markets have been following the progress of the grains and CRB markets closely, due to the perception that higher commodity prices are inflationary, which should provide support to the metals complex.

On the close, June gold was down 3.1 at \$392.20 per ounce. May silver closed 10.03 cents lower at \$5.262 per ounce.

July platinum was down 3.7 at \$405.40 per ounce, while June palladium ended 4.8 lower at \$132.20 an ounce.

Chicago high grade copper futures finished in negative territory on Friday, but near the top of the day's trading range. Rollover activity from the May contract into the July pressured the market, sources said.

Traders also noted technical factors which affected the market, such as profit-taking and a decline in LME stocks. The May copper futures contract closed 65 points lower at \$1.2235 per pound.

After a volatile day of trade, the May wheat and corn futures closed sharply higher on Friday. May corn futures surged to a record high on dwindling stocks of US corn and a relentless aggressive export sales pace, traders said. Tomorrow is first notice day for deliveries on the May corn contract. May corn closed up 81/2 at \$5.071/2.

Tight stocks of wheat and prospects for no deliveries boosted CBOT May wheat to a new contract high on Friday. The May wheat contract closed up 20 cents per bushel to \$7.161/2 a bushel.

Chicago soy futures closed lower on Friday, pressured by the mixed grain trade. Sources said fund selling and skittish trade in the corn and wheat gave the soybeans little support and a lack of fresh news also offered little direction.

The July soybean futures contract closed 41/4 cents lower at \$8.2675 per bushel.

New York cotton futures settled mixed on Friday, with the July contract ending slightly lower on continued local pressure. The May contract is in its notice period, and the last trading day is May 8. July cotton settled one spot lower at 85.64 cents. The spot May contract settled 85 points higher at 84.20 cents.

World sugar futures settled at lows not seen since February 6 on continued fund liquidation on the May contract and new fund and speculator selling on the July contract, traders said.

The July sugar futures contract settled 20 points lower at 10.36 cents — just off the session low of 10.35 cents. The May sugar futures contract settled 34 points lower at 10.54 cents.

July coffee futures settled 150 points higher on Friday at \$1.2695, while the May coffee futures contract settled 260 points higher at \$1.2795. The July cocoa contract settled \$3 higher at \$1.392, and the May contract settled \$10 higher at \$1.381.

Courtesy of Michael Zwebner, Commodity Trading Ltd.

China visit for Taiwanese tax officials, bankers

TAIPEI (Reuters) — A group of top Taiwanese tax officials and bankers has begun a private visit to China to meet counterparts, the China Times Express reported yesterday.

Former deputy finance minister Pai Pei-ying, currently Taiwan's International Commercial Bank of China chairman, led the group of more than 10 people from government tax offices and private banks, the newspaper said.

During its visits to Beijing and Hangzhou, the group will meet its counterparts, including high-level Chinese officials, to discuss tax issues. The paper did not specify the issues to be discussed.

Separately, the newspaper quoted Lin Chien-hsiung, director of the ministry's Department of National Treasury, as saying China had expressed willingness to sign a pact to avoid double-taxation on Taiwanese businessmen on the mainland.

Politicians, union leaders criticize Bonn's savings plan

FRANKFURT (Reuters) — German politicians and union leaders over the weekend lashed out at Chancellor Helmut Kohl's controversial savings package and promised a tough fight as the pact winds its way through parliament for legislative approval.

"The government has gone too far, the people will fight back," Rudolf Dressler, deputy chief of the opposition Social Democrats parliamentary group told German news magazine Focus.

Late last week Germany's coalition government agreed to a broad package of spending cuts, welfare reform and tax changes designed to stimulate sluggish economic growth, tackle unemployment and rein in a runaway budget deficit.

The pact, which Kohl admitted "could create hardships", would save DM 50 billion next year and ready Germany to join Europe's planned currency union at the end of the century.

It includes plans for a reduction

in the Solidarity Surcharge on income tax, a 20 percent cut in sick pay, a delay in a child benefit rise, no pay rise for civil servants and raising the pensionable age for women from 60 to 63.

Heide Simonis, Social Democrat premier in Schleswig Holstein, called the pact an affront to women, families, pensioners, the sick and unemployed and vowed, "the Bundestag will do everything it can to rectify this injustice."

While many parts of the pact need approval only from the lower house Bundestag, where the coalition has a slight majority, others must pass the upper house Bundestag, controlled by the Social Democrats.

But objections to the pact did not stop at party lines.

Two members of Kohl's junior coalition partner Free Democratic party told German mass circulation Bild Zeitung they would vote against the pact if a clause cutting sick pay remained and new aid for

families were delayed.

Even Bundestag President Rita Suessmuth, a member of Kohl's Christian Democrats, told news-magazine Focus "the pensionable age for women is raised, but disadvantages for women are kept or are being newly strengthened."

Gerhard Schroeder the Social Democratic premier in Lower Saxony argued that pushing back the pensionable age was unproductive since it only clogged up the labor market.

State politicians also complained the pact unfairly increased the burden for cash-strapped state governments.

Bonn's relationship with the unions, which had become increasingly strained as efforts to get the unions to agree to the plans failed, may now be heading for a collision course.

IG Metall metal workers union head Klaus Zwickel on Friday called the plan a plot against labor and social justices.

Meanwhile, white collar work-

ers union DGB complained plans to pare back legal protection against being fired would not help create more jobs but would merely let Germany keep pace with US practices of "hiring and firing workers."

Business leaders' reaction, on the other hand, was generally positive. Hans-Olaf Henkel, president of the German Federation of Industry BDI, shrugged off all suggestions the pact unfairly burdened the middle class.

"What has been decided will benefit the unemployed," he told news-magazine Focus.

The Bonn government will still have to exceed its medium-term borrowing goals by taking on an additional DM 6b. in new debt than originally planned, despite the broad reaching savings plan.

Focus reported Finance Minister Theo Waigel had held a cabinet meeting the government would have to take on DM 55b. in new debt in 1997, not DM 49b. as planned.

Diving rand tests new South Africa

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — The new South Africa, two years old this weekend, faces key tests on all fronts from solving the politically charged murder of a Zulu princess to curbing a planned general strike's impact on the diving rand.

The honeymoon period following 1994's historic all-race elections on April 26-29 seems truly over, but President Nelson Mandela barely had time to mark the anniversary of the end of white rule over the black majority.

He hastily called talks yesterday with union and big business leaders to try to find a way to shore up the rand, whose descent against the dollar since February was accelerated by plans for a national strike tomorrow.

The country's largest labor federation, Cosatu, called the strike in protest at demands by the once whites-only National Party (NP) that the final post-apartheid constitution should include the right to lock out striking workers.

Mandela also met the NP's FW de Klerk — South Africa's last white leader and now a vice-president in Mandela's government of national unity — to try to break the deadlock over the constitution due to be adopted by May 10.

Tomorrow the president will also have to consider a report from an all-party task force

on whether to go ahead with May 29 local elections in the violent Zulu heartland, where a gang's murder of a princess has raised tensions.

Mandela's African National Congress wants the election, originally due last November, put off again.

It says political killings and intimidation make a fair vote impossible in the KwaZulu-Natal province the rival Inkatha Freedom Party controls.

The ANC has blamed Inkatha supporters for last week's attack on a royal palace, where Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini's niece died and one of his five queens and a daughter were stabbed, hacked and shot.

They are seriously wounded in hospital. Inkatha leader Buthelezi Mangosuthu fell out with his nephew the king after the 1994 elections and accuses him of favoring Mandela.

Zwelithini has said for months he feared assassination. Despite all his economic and political woes, 77-year-old Mandela exuded optimism when he briefly marked Saturday's holiday at a colorful parade in the capital Pretoria.

"Freedom Day comes at a time when we are making progress on all fronts to build South Africa into a land of our dreams," he told the crowds.

"A bright future beckons. The onus is on us, through hard work, honesty and integrity, to reach for the stars."

Michel Camdessus, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, added his support at a news briefing the same day after the opening of UNCTAD, the first UN conference South Africa has hosted, marking its return to the world community.

"This is an extraordinary success story," he said of the government's pursuit of "prudent fiscal and monetary policy" while keeping up growth that was 3.3 percent last year and could reach 4% in 1996.

However, investors' perceptions of political and economic instability have weakened the rand 18% in three months.

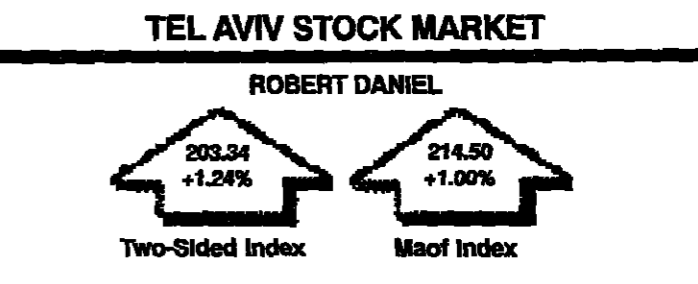
It hit a new low on Friday of 4.58 to the dollar but rallied in after-hours trade to 4.37 after a tactical one-point rise in the Reserve Bank's key Bank rate that hurt borrowers.

Economists said the rate rise was only a stopgap measure that begged more decisive government action at a time when South Africa stands a crossroads on economic policy.

"The game is up. They've got to decide between an aggressive market-related growth package and the statist, interventionist and inward-looking policy favored by the unions," said Nick Barnard of BOE NatWest in Johannesburg.

Multi-sided trading		Two-sided trading	
Name	Price	Name	Price
Commercial	1889 10.0	Afternoon	1889 10.0
Banking	1775 10.0	Morning	1889 10.0
Finance	1775 10.0	Afternoon	1889 10.0
Insurance	1775 10.0	Morning	1889 10.0
Trade & Services	1775 10.0	Afternoon	1889 10.0
Property, Building & Agriculture	1775 10.0	Morning	1889 10.0
OH Exploration	1775 10.0	Afternoon	1889 10.0
PARALLEL LIST	1775 10.0	Morning	1889 10.0
Trade & Services	1775 10.0	Afternoon	1889 10.0
Property, Building & Agriculture	1775 10.0	Morning	1889 10.0
OH Exploration	1775 10.0	Afternoon	1889 10.0

Shares follow NY upwards



STOCKS rose for a third day yesterday on optimism that interest rates will stay steady and on trading of shares listed both in Tel Aviv and New York.

Many investors are expecting that last Sunday's rate boost by the central bank is "the last increase for some time," said Moshe Jonas, manager of the Jerusalem office of the securities firm Moritz and Tuchler.

Traders here also matched advances in a number of prominent Israeli stocks that trade both in Tel Aviv and New York, he said.

The Maof Index rose one percent to 214.50, while the Two-Sided Index went up 1.24% to 203.34. The Two-Sided crossed 200 Thursday for the first time in five weeks.

The most active share was Bezeq, the state-controlled telecommunications company, unchanged on about NIS 6.6 million of shares traded. IDB Holdings added 2.2% on about the same volume.

Across the exchange, shares worth NIS 93.5m. traded. On the broad market, almost five issues for every one that fell.

Last Sunday, the central bank lifted the rate at which it lends to bank 0.8 percentage points to 14.8%. The decision to raise rates was taken because of rising inflation and expectations that inflation would accelerate, as well as an expanding money supply, the central bank said.

The Bank of Israel had last changed rates on February 1, when it raised the rate at which it lends to banks 0.3 percentage points.

The consumer price index rose a lower-than-expected 1.0% in March from February and M1 money supply rose a higher-than-expected 3.8% in the same period. March's CPI increase, following a 0.9% increase in both

February and January, brings annual inflation to to about 12%. That exceeds both 1995's 8.1% inflation and this year's government-set target of 8% to 10%.

Jonas and other traders and investors are hoping for what they call a package deal, involving government budget cuts to reduce domestic demand, a devaluation of the shekel against the US dollar to boost exports, and interest rate cuts from the central bank.

Few expect such an effort before the May 29 election; most say that whether the governing Labor Party or the challenging Likud wins the vote, it will happen anyway.

"The general opinion in the market is that in the end, it doesn't matter" who wins the vote, Jonas said.

"If Labor wins, it will be easier and quicker" to implement such a plan, simply because the government is already in place, but the obligation is the same for either party.

On the Maof Index, Koor Industries Ltd. was unchanged. Shares of Israel's largest industrial company, which has about three dozen businesses, gained a total of 1/2 to 181/2 on Thursday and Friday in New York.

Koor subsidiary Tadiran Ltd. — which has interests in consumer appliances, telecommunications and defense contracting — rose 1.5% in Tel Aviv. Tadiran's shares traded in New York gained 5/8 in the last two days of New York trade.

Cial Electronic Industries Ltd. jumped 4.5%. Cial Electronic owns 26% of ECI Telecommunications Ltd., which leaped 211/8, or 8.5%, to 271/4, late last week. ECI shares don't trade in Tel Aviv.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries added 2.3% after rising 13/4 Thursday and Friday in New York. (Bloomberg)

Britain battles to ease EU beef ban

BRUSSELS (Reuters) Britain is set for a long struggle today to persuade skeptical European Union partners that its plans for extra measures to curb Mad Cow disease justify easing a worldwide ban on British beef exports.

At a two-day meeting of EU farm ministers in Luxembourg, British Agriculture Minister Douglas Hogg is due to present detailed proposals for tracing and slaughtering some 42,000 animals most at risk to the fatal cattle brain disease.

"We hope for some modest relaxation of the ban," said a British official, noting that scientific experts have advised that certain beef products, such as gelatin — which is widely used in food and pharmaceuticals — are safe.

The ban was imposed on March 27 to restore consumer confidence after Britain announced a week earlier that Mad Cow disease could spread to humans.

Farm ministers can only recommend whether to ease the ban and this would be discussed by the EU's Standing Veterinary Committee of senior member state officials on May 7-8, a commission spokesman said. If a majority in the committee is in favor, the European Commission would then take a formal decision.

British agriculture officials were locked in intensive talks over the weekend with the EU's executive Commission to clarify the new British measures.

Hogg was due to meet EU Farm Commissioner Franz Fischler today before the ministerial meeting.

"It's still very cloudy at the moment," a British official said, referring to prospects for lifting the ban.

EU officials said member states were angry that the British government's sudden announcement last month that Mad Cow disease, or Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), could be spread to humans sparked consumer panic across the continent and led to the collapse of beef sales.

The lack of prior warning and Britain's apparent failure to enforce a ban imposed in 1989 on feeding sheep and other animal waste to cattle — widely seen as the cause of BSE — were also criticized.

Countries, such as France, Germany and the Netherlands, were expected today to press for EU aid to support the beef market and will be reluctant to recommend any early easing of the ban, officials said.

Britain has stressed it will implement further measures to combat Mad Cow disease if there is a clear commitment from the EU to lift the ban speedily. EU member states have said Britain must first take further radical measures.

"It's a question of who blinks first," said one source.

"The two things are indissolubly linked," a British official stressed, noting that about a dozen steps have been taken to curb the disease since an emergency farm council to tackle the Mad Cow crisis on April 1-3.

"Quite a few measures are already in place so we can therefore move to a firm understanding on lifting the ban," he said.

These include a scheme to slaughter weekly 15,000 older dairy cows, which have ended their productive life, and ensure that they are not processed into pies or other food.

The scheme, which involves animals over 30 months old, is due to start up next week. It targets animals most at risk from BSE and would speed the decline of the disease by up to 30 percent.

The number of British BSE cases is expected to fall to 3,000 in 1998 from an expected 8,000 in 1996, according to British estimates. The new program would reduce the number of cases to only 2,000 in 1998.

Some 170,000 British cattle have been slaughtered due to BSE over the past 10 years, compared with only around 1,000 in the rest of the EU.

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Mac. TA up 2-0 over Herzliya

THERE was good news and bad news for Bnei Herzliya fans in last night's second Upper Playoff game against Maccabi Tel Aviv. The good news: This time they made it a game. The bad news: That means they only lost by 11, 80-69.

If the two teams were playing a choose-up game, Herzliya fans would've been justified in saying the sides just weren't fair. After all, besides missing David Thirskill, as they did last game, this time they were also without Koren Amisha, who is out for the year with a heel injury.

Things got so desperate that shooting guard Amir Katz found himself in the role of playmaker after reserve point guard Ami Nawi struggled against Maccabi in the early going. Katz gave it a go, but Maccabi capitalized on the fact that there was no one to run the Herzliya offense. Before Herzliya coach Muli Katzurin could blink an eye, Maccabi was up 6-0, and it looked like someone should have intervened and awarded the game to Maccabi as a "shutout" before things got as ugly as they did in the first game.

With Tom Chambers and Nadav Henefeld working the ball between them to perfection, Maccabi raced to a 17-6 bulge. Chambers scored on several nice feeds from Henefeld, scoring 16 in the first half. Meanwhile, Katz was Herzliya's only offensive weapon early on, scoring 16 in the half himself, but without any teammates to rely on for help. The

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insertion of Lior Arditi into the line-up and a late surge by John Hudson underneath got Herzliya back to within 10, but Maccabi controlled the offensive boards. Coach Zvi Scherf's squad was also unselfish on offense, with nine different players scoring in the half, including Guy Goodes, who scored his first three points since his knee injury shelved him for most of the season.

But while everyone expected Maccabi to just keep piling up the points in the second half as they did in Game 1, Herzliya players had other ideas, particularly Arditi. Popping in a three-pointer here and driving for a basket there, he led a 21-9 Herzliya rally that thrived on missed shots by Maccabi and the absence of Chambers, who left after being assessed a technical, his fourth foul, with just over 15 minutes to play. When Opher Fleischer scored underneath, Herzliya had amazed even itself by narrowing the gap to 61-57.

However Radisav Curcic - who fouled out of the game and had a very quiet 10 points on the night, hit two important baskets to boost Maccabi's lead back to 66-57. Chambers returned and added two foul shots to his already fine night to reopen a 10-point lead at 71-61, and it looked like lights out for Herzliya.

But rising to the occasion, Katzurin's players put their per-

somel and financial problems behind them for one more courageous run at Maccabi. Fleischer scored, Arditi hit another basket and then Nawi stole the ball and fed Katz, who buried a three-pointer with 2:40 to bring Herzliya to within 71-69. Then Herzliya suddenly turned back into a pumpkin. Two foul shots by Curcic and a big three-pointer by Doron Janichev - who spent much of the second half on the bench in foul trouble - snuffed out any remaining Herzliya hopes as Maccabi scored nine unanswered points to seal the victory and a 2-0 lead in the best of five series.

To outmanned Herzliya's credit, they played a fine second half, and can only hope they can bottle some of the spirit they displayed to use in the do-or-die Game 3, which takes place Wednesday night at Yad Eliahu. As for Maccabi, although they pulled this one out when they had to, they had no business letting Herzliya back into the game. Scherf's club will have to play much better to beat Hapoel Jerusalem - in action tonight in Game 2 of their series against Hapoel Galil Elyon at Kfar Blum - if the two match up in the finals.

Chambers had 25 points and again displayed how vital his presence is to Maccabi, while Henefeld scored 11 in addition to playing a superb defensive game, stifling Hudson on several occasions. Katz had 25 for Herzliya while Arditi had 20.

Shaq's 29 fires Magic past Pistons

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal scored 29 points and Orlando took a commanding 2-0 lead in its first-round series against Detroit with a 92-77 victory yesterday.

O'Neal made 13 of 19 shots, grabbed seven rebounds and had six assists despite playing only 36 minutes because of foul trouble that helped Detroit stay in the game.

Detroit slowed down the pace as much as possible, but Orlando was able to pull away in the second half.

After Otis Thorpe gave the Pistons a 50-49 lead, Orlando responded with a 12-0 run. The Magic led by eight after three quarters, and Detroit got no closer the rest of the way.

Lakers 104, Rockets 94
Magic Johnson, who gripped about his role in the Lakers' playoff opener, had the run of the floor Saturday and scored 26 points in a victory over the visiting Houston Rockets, who played

the final 10 minutes without Halkeem Olajuwon.
The two-time defending NBA champions overcame an 11-point first quarter, their worst of the season, but the Lakers took command after Olajuwon, who hasn't fouled out of a regular-season game in seven years, drew his sixth foul with 10:35 remaining.

Pacers 102, Hawks 94 (OT)
Rik Smits, sore feet and all, showed that the Indiana Pacers can win in the playoffs without Reggie Miller.

Smits had 29 points night, including five in overtime, as the host Pacers held off the Atlanta Hawks, tying their best-of-5 first-round playoff series at one game apiece.

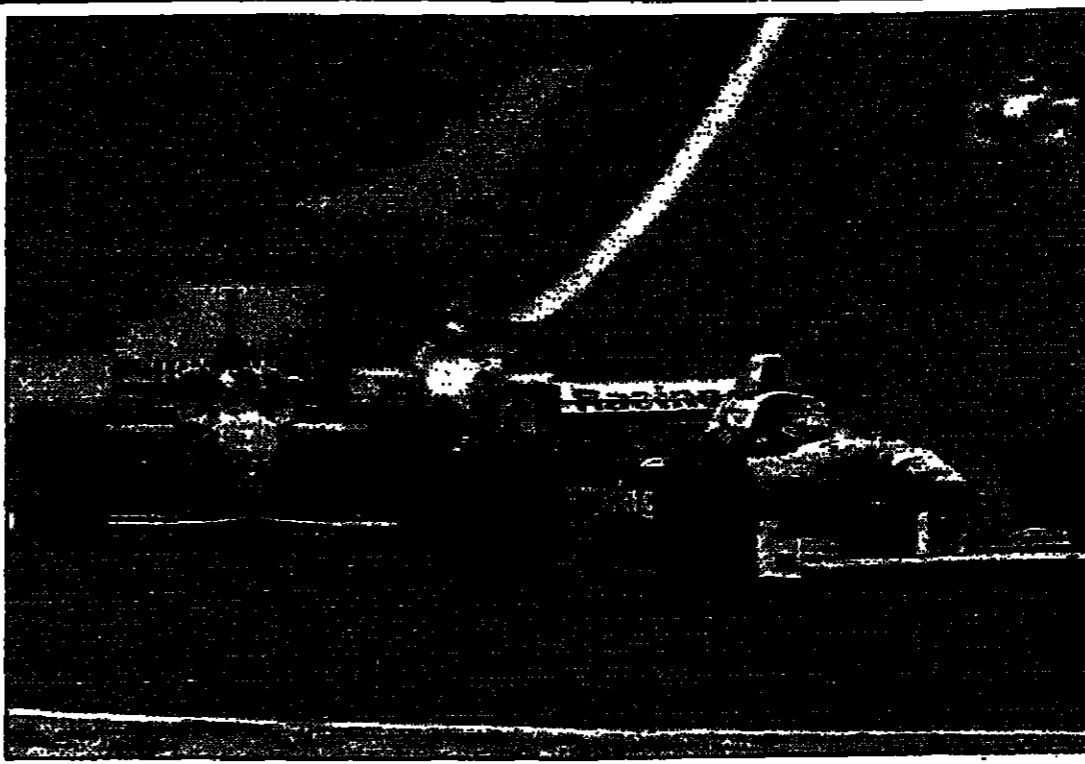
Utah 105, Portland 90
Karl Malone scored 30 points, including eight in the final five minutes, as host Utah took a 2-0 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Malone hit 12-of-23 from the field and pulled down 14 rebounds for the Jazz, who beat Portland 110-102 in Thursday's opener of the best-of-5 series. Jeff Hornacek added 18 points, including 4-for-4 on 3-point

ers.
John Stockton, who had 23 assists in Game 1, handed out 16 in Game 2 and scored 15 points.

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QUICK TO FINISH - Canada's Jacques Villeneuve races ahead of Germany's Michael Schumacher and Britain's David Coulthard during the last lap of yesterday's grand prix. (AP)

Canada's Villeneuve wins European Grand Prix

NUERBURGRING, Germany (AP) - In only his fourth start, Jacques Villeneuve posted his first Formula One victory yesterday, leading from start to finish in the Grand Prix of Europe and holding off defending world champion Michael Schumacher.

The 25-year-old Canadian, in his rookie Formula One season, survived tremendous pressure from Schumacher, the local hero, to win the 67-lap race in his Williams-Renault by 0.762 seconds ahead of the German's Ferrari.

"It's a great feeling to win the first Formula One race, especially here before Michael's fans," said Villeneuve, who became the youngest IndyCar champion last year.

"Michael pushed very hard, he got close but it was

fun and that's what racing should be," he said.
In his four starts this season, Villeneuve now has one victory, and two second places, failing to finish one race.

Villeneuve picked up 10 points and reduced the gap separating him from leader Damon Hill, who had won the first three races of the season and was on a four-race winning streak.

After the race, officials disqualified both Tyrrell-Yamaha's cars.
Mika Salo of Finland, who finished 10th, was disqualified because his car was 1.5 kilograms under the official limit of 600 kilograms.

Ukyo Katayama of Japan, who placed 12th, was disqualified for being push-started.

Flyers, Avalanche, Blues join Panthers with series wins

NEW YORK (AP) - Florida, Philadelphia, Colorado and St. Louis all closed out their first-round series in the NHL playoffs Saturday.

The Panthers beat the Bruins 4-3 to win their series in five games, the Flyers topped Tampa Bay 6-1 to end their series in six, the Avalanche beat the Canucks 3-2 to take it in five and the Blues completed a six-game knockout of the Maple Leafs with 2-1 victory.

The playoffs continued last night with Pittsburgh at Washington, New York Rangers at Montreal and Detroit at Winnipeg, with all visiting teams holding 3-2 leads.

Flyers 6, Lightning 1
The Flyers finally got rid of pesky Tampa Bay, as Bob Coombs had a back-breaking goal and two assists.

The Flyers took the last three games against the Lightning, who gave them a surprisingly stiff test in their first playoff appearance.

Blues 2, Maple Leafs 1
Steve Leach scored with 5:57 left as the host Blues advanced to the second round of the playoffs for the first time in three seasons.

The Blues lost in the first round to Vancouver in Mike Keenan's first season as general manager and coach.

Avalanche 3, Canucks 2
Joe Sakic scored the winning goal for the second straight game as the visiting Avalanche beat Vancouver and advanced to the second round of the NHL playoffs.

United moves nearer to title

LONDON (AP) - Manchester United romped to a 5-0 victory over Nottingham Forest and a six-point lead in the English title race yesterday to leave Newcastle with a huge task to stop the Reds winning their third title in four years.

David Beckham struck two goals and Paul Scholes, Ryan Giggs and Eric Cantona added others as Manchester United overpowered Forest before some 54,000 fans at Old Trafford.

Although it has three games to play to Manchester United's one, Newcastle needs to win at Leeds today to stand any chance of staying in contention.

Three goals by English star Paul Gascoigne earned Glasgow Rangers its eighth Scottish league title in a row after a come-from-behind 3-1 victory over Aberdeen.

Aberdeen stunned the 47,000 Rangers fans at Ibrox by taking the lead after Brian Irvine after 19 minutes. But Gascoigne leveled for the reigning titleist two minutes later, weaving past two defenders after collecting the ball.

Nine minutes from the end, the talented English midfielder struck again and he fired his third from the penalty spot in the 86th.

The result puts Rangers four points clear of Glasgow rival Celtic with one game to go and now it aims to be Celtic's record of nine titles in a row.

Meanwhile Derby became the second team to gain one of the automatic promotion spots to the English Premier League by downing third place Crystal Palace 2-1.

While Derby goes up with leading club Sunderland, Palace most now try again through a play-off with the teams that end up fourth, fifth and sixth.

Dean Sturridge gave Derby a third minute lead but Kenny Brown leveled for Palace three minutes later. In the 65th minute Dutch midfielder Robin van der Laan scored the winner for Derby.

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Halika sets national swim record

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MICKY Halika took another step towards Atlanta when he set a new national swimming record in the international tournament which ended in Vienna yesterday.

In the 200 meter individual medley, Halika finished in third place in 2:06.08, smashing the record of 2:07.94 previously held by Gilad Chen.

Halika's individual times were butterfly 27.93, backstroke 32.78, breaststroke 36.22 and freestyle 29.15.

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SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL - Collated weekend results of fifth-round Australian Football League matches: Brisbane Bears 24.14 (158) def. Fitzroy 4.13 (29); St. Kilda 16.20 (116) def. Footscray 13.12 (90); Carlton 12.14 (86) def. West Coast Eagles 12.15 (87); Geelong 13.13 (91) def. Richmond 12.16 (88); North Melbourne 23.14 (152) def. Adelaide 17.11 (113); Fremantle Dockers 13.15 (96) def. Melbourne 8.11 (59); Collingwood 17.15 (117) def. Essendon 16.9 (105); Sydney 13.10 (88) def. Hawthorn 11.10 (76).

SOCCER - AC Milan clinched its fourth Italian Serie A soccer title in five years yesterday when it beat Fiorentina 3-1 at the San Siro stadium.

Three goals from Nigerian star Fikri George helped European champion Ajax Amsterdam clinch its third Dutch title in a row yesterday with a 5-1 crushing of Willem II.

LOCAL RUGBY - Israel's national rugby team lost to Croatia 21-6 on Saturday in the second game of the preliminary qualifying round of the FIBA European Tournament.

Israel's points came from two penalties while the host team ran in two tries but failed to convert, picking up their remaining points from two penalties.

HOCKEY - Yesterday's early scores in the World Ice Hockey Championships: Russia 6, Austria 0; Czech Republic 9, Italy 5.

BASEBALL - Saturday's NL results: Philadelphia 3, Cincinnati 2; Atlanta 7, St. Louis 2; Colorado 4, Montreal 3 (13); San Francisco 6, Florida 3; New York 7, Pittsburgh 4; Chicago 4, Los Angeles 3 (10); Boston 6, San Diego 6.
Saturday's AL results: Kansas City 10, Houston 6; San Diego 6, Oakland 4; Detroit 1; Texas 4, Baltimore 2; Seattle 6, Milwaukee 5; Minnesota 3, New York 6 (10); Chicago 2, California 1.

BASKETBALL - Mike Denavry was fired as coach of the Milwaukee Bucks on Saturday but was reinstated as general manager.

The Bucks posted three of the franchise's four worst records during Denavry's tenure and had a franchise-worst 15-game losing streak in March.

Early results of English Benson and Hedges Cup cricket matches yesterday: At Chesham: Essex beat Middlesex by five wickets. Middlesex 159-8 (N.Hessell 67 not out).

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LELYO (Zvika Hadar, alias Jojo Halagtra) likes beds, especially those of pretty young women. He also likes disguises. He also lies a lot, which brings him grief in Carlo Goldoni's 1750 comedy, 'The Liar'.



Zvika Hadar (front, left) and the gang in Carlo Goldoni's 'The Liar' at the Haifa Theater.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

THE Brigham Young University Chamber Orchestra makes its local debut performing two new commissioned works. Merrill Bradshaw's 'Song of Life' is dedicated to Jerusalem's 3,000th anniversary and to all those who died in the battle for peace.

DANCE

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

WIM Vandekeybus, one of today's most exciting

and daring choreographers, premieres a new work, 'Exhaustion from Dream Love', with the Batseva Dance Company. This is the first time the Belgian choreographer is working outside his own company.

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RUTH KERN

If confession is good for the soul, then the fares in tonight's edition of 'Another America' are getting more than the dollar value on the meter.

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 5 One requiring oxygen on receiving a note about the return of a tiresome person (6) 8 Expansion of a popular line (8) 9 Reasons for disliking coffee? (7) 10 Some chap is happy to be imitative (5) 11 Restored a gown which was discovered in the grass (9) 13 For a high temperature some might take a herb (8) 14 A blooming river! (6) 17 One member proved to be a mischievous fellow (3) 19 Went off fast (3) 20 Girl took nothing in off the symphony (6) 23 Was helpful to know that the donkey's name was Edward (8) 26 Collection for present to party member (9) 28 Comes down on real estate (5) 29 Takes a note of the time (7) 30 Carol was around the vessel at last sighting (8) 31 Sacks of weapons (6) DOWN 1 Get in a flap if served with rice (6) 2 Carry out, complete (7) 3 It could be the garlic making us sleepy (9) 4 Aim at a church tower (6) 5 Display skill with a plane (8) 6 Defeats large crowds (5) 7 Pestered by a nocturnal beast (8) 12 Wee woolly animal (3) 15 Make a law about a supporter who is not on time (9) 16 Another gift fair advertised by writing on the wall (8) 18 The smartest possible thing to put on the bed (8) 21 Akin to returning from a long way off (8) 22 Let us in to concoct something in the kitchen (7) 24 Sugary solutions held up for a year in the ocean going vessel (6) 25 Signed letters for a purpose (6) 27 Uniform for a peer? (5)

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MIDDLE EAST TV

14:00 The 700 Club 14:55 Corregidor (1943) - love triangle set in the Philippines during World War II. Starring Otto Kruger, Elissa Landi and Donald Woods. (71 mins.) 16:30 Dennis the Menace 16:55 Mask 17:20 Fables of the Green Forest 17:45 Another Life 18:10 Magnum 19:10 The A-Team 20:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 20:30 CHN Headline News 21:00 The Bill Cosby Show (Arabic Dialogue) 21:00 Snowy River 23:30 700 Club 00:00 Special Program

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 8:05 Lizzie Bee (rpt) 8:30 Peter Rabbit (rpt) 10:30 Three's Company 11:30 Nils Holgerson (rpt) 10:05 Punky Brewster (rpt) 10:35 Looney Tunes (rpt) 11:00 Saved by the Bell (rpt) 11:30 Little University - Encyclopedia (rpt) 12:00 Hugo (rpt) 12:45 Alvin and the Chipmunks 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 The Chipmunks 14:00 Detective Noodle 14:35 Alice in Wonderland 15:05 Nils Holgerson 15:35 Family Connections 16:05 Looney Tunes (rpt) 16:30 Saved by the Bell 17:05 Once There Were... Inventors 17:30 Hugo 18:15 Alvin and the Chipmunks 18:35 Lizzie Bee (rpt) 19:00 Peter Rabbit (rpt) 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Rosalind 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jack 21:30 Cheers

DISCOVERY (8)

22:00 Portraits Voles (1993, French) - Documentary surveying the life and work of Francois Truffaut, one of the leading directors of the French cinema, incorporating interviews with family, friends, colleagues, and scenes from his films. (88 mins.) 23:35 Mahler (1974) - Ken Russell's portrait of the dramatic life of the composer Gustav Mahler. With Robert Powell, Georgina Hale (110 mins.)

DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Man and Nature (rpt) 13:00 Beyond 2000 (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 Man and Nature (rpt) 17:00 Beyond 2000 (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 Wild Wild West 21:00 Travel Magazine 21:30 Floyd in Italy 22:00 Another America - see today's highlights 23:00 The Wild Wild West 23:50 Open University

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Selma Scott Show 7:00 Europe 2000 7:30 ITN News 8:00 The Today Show 10:00 Super Shop 11:00 European Money Wheel 16:30 Morning Reports live from Wall Street 18:30 American Money Wheel 18:30 FT Business Tonight 19:30 David Frost Live 20:30 The Selma Scott Show 21:30 Frontal 22:30 ITN News 23:00 Toward the 1996 Atlanta Olympics 00:00 The Best of the Tonight Show with Jay Leno 1:00 The Best of Late Night with Conan O'Brien 2:00 The Best of Later with Greg Kinnear

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CHANNEL 5

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CINEMA

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EUROSPORT

8:30 Bicycle Racing - World Cup from Holland (rpt) 10:30 Mountain Bikes 11:00 PGA Golf Tournament 13:00 Boxing 14:00 Auto Racing: Grand Prix from Germany (rpt) 15:00 Auto Racing: Indicar 17:00 Auto Racing: Carling from Italy 18:00 Auto Racing: Grand Prix from Germany (rpt) 19:30 Ice Hockey: World Cup from Austria, Slovakia vs Germany 21:00 Ice Hockey: World Cup from Austria, Norway vs France - live 23:30 Pro Wrestling 00:00 Eurogoals - soccer 1:00 Eurogol

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News on the hour 6:00 World Headlines 6:05 The Money Programme (rpt) 10:15 The Money Programme 11:30 Top Gear 12:30 Food and Drink: Far Eastern Cookery (rpt) 15:05 Correspondent (rpt) 16:15 World Business Report 16:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 17:30 One Foot in the Past (rpt) 18:15 The Money Programme (rpt) 19:30 Tomorrow's World (rpt) 22:05 The Money Programme (rpt) 23:30 Time Out: Holiday 00:00 World Business Report

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News throughout the day 5:30 This Week in Asia 6:30 Global View (rpt) 9:30 Diplomatic License 11:30 CNN Newshour 12:30 Headline News 13:00 Business Day 14:00 Asia News 14:30 World Sport 15:00 Asia News 15:30 Business Asia 16:00 Larry King Live 17:30 World Sport (rpt) 18:30 Business Asia 19:00 World Business Today 21:30 World News 22:00 Larry King (rpt) 00:00 World Business Today 00:30 World Sport 1:00 World News Survey

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6:06 Morning Concert 8:05 Krommer: Concerto in E flat for 2 clarinets and orch op 35; Nielsen: Wind quintet op 43; Weill: Symphony no 2; September Song for piano trio; contemporary works by Light and Classical The Kings Singers in songs from operettas by Gilbert and Sullivan and Johann Strauss II 13:00 Pianist Maurizio Pollini - Bartok Piano concerto no 1; Schubert: Sonata in C minor D958 14:06 Encore 15:00 Cycle of Works - Beethoven's piano sonatas 16:00 Early music 17:00 Elvina - live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem, Brigham Young University Orch. Johann Wilhelm Hertel: Concerto no 3 for trumpet and strings; Merrill Bradshaw: Song of Life in memory of Yitzhak Rabin World premiere; Mozart: Piano concerto no 17; Oded Zahavi: 'Keshet' for children's choir and chamber orch with Ankor choir; Bernstein: West Side Story overture 19:00 Rainbow of Sounds 20:05 Haydn: String quartet in C 'Emperor'; Grieg: Piano concerto; Mozart: Piano 21:00 A Matter of Agreement 23:00 Just Jazz

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Shetreet, Eli Dayan touted for top envoy posts

BATSHEVA TSUR

WITH elections just one month away, and two prime diplomatic posts being vacated, rumors have been rife in the Foreign Ministry that the government will soon make two more political appointments in the foreign service.

Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan, who did not get a realistic slot on Labor's list in the primaries, is being touted for the post of ambassador to the UN, while Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet, who also scored poorly, is said to be a leading candidate for ambassador to Egypt.

The New York posting will be vacated at the beginning of next month when Ambassador Gad Ya'acobi winds up his term of office to assume the chairmanship of the Electric Corporation board. Ambassador David Sultan has been waiting to return from Cairo.

The appointments committee of the Foreign

Ministry is due to meet early next week to finalize the appointments to the two cities as well as to Brussels. Meanwhile, in addition to Ya'acobi, another political appointee - Benz Carmel - is due to return from Kazakhstan. However, with the appointment of Labor Minister Ora Namir to Beijing, the political appointments quota has been filled.

Among the career diplomats, the ministry's deputy director-general for economic affairs, Oded Eran, is said to be the leading candidate for the UN, while Zvi Mazel, deputy director-general for African affairs, is believed to be in the lead for the Cairo posting.

In the ministry, the workers' committee is bracing itself for a confrontation if the government requests political appointees above the quota of 11.

Likud unveils new jingle

SARAH HONIG

THE Likud revealed its campaign jingle and accompanying video clip yesterday afternoon.

Overhauling its recent campaign style, the Likud this year is aiming at young voters with a soft folk-pop song on the secure peace theme and a message stressing Binjamin Netanyahu's youth.

Unlike the jingles of previous years, with their march-like beat, the Likud this year went for the personal singer-song writer style. Only two voices are heard - singers Shlomi Shabbat and Ophira Yosefi - in a melodic, almost-wistful tune. This is quite a departure from everything the other parties have thus far unveiled. Labor continued in the same march-like style, reminiscent of the Likud's 1992 jingle.

Likud information drive head MK Limor Livnat stressed that "this is not a jingle - it's a song." She said the Likud thinks that most of the floating voters are

young, mostly first-time voters. The lyrics say: "I want a quiet peaceful tomorrow/ I want a world of unity and hope/ I want a secure peace/ I want a young leader/ I want security." The punch line is the Likud's slogan: "Netanyahu - making a secure peace."

Netanyahu's image dominates the video and he is shown at the Madrid peace conference, with US President Bill Clinton, at the UN General Assembly, at his wife's side, making a point with his fist, and smiling confidently. At one point he says, underscoring the lyrics in the background, "Peace is coming home safely."

The lyrics also contend that "only the Likud can bring a peace agreement on which the entire nation can unite - left and right."

The Likud's official campaign kickoff takes place tonight at the International Convention Center in Jerusalem.

Ze'evi hopes Likud will be dependent on Moledet

SARAH HONIG

MOLEDET leader Rehavim Ze'evi expressed hope yesterday that Likud candidate Binjamin Netanyahu would win the premiership but would be unable to form a coalition without Moledet.

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Knesset lists poses few problems for panel

LIAT COLLINS

ONLY a few, minor problems in the lists of parties' Knesset candidates have been discovered by the Central Elections Committee.

At a meeting yesterday, the committee heard a report in which 36 defects were found among 11 lists.

The most common problem, in 12 cases, was of unclear addresses. In six cases, candidates were discovered in unrealistic spots to be younger than the 21-year minimum age requirement.

Other problems include discrepancies in identity card numbers; forms which had not been correctly filled out or signed; or lists which had consent forms which did not match the booklet each party submitted.

According to CEC director Tami Edri, today is the last date that parties can rectify the mistakes in their lists but she said none of the problems found were serious.

Tomorrow, the CEC is scheduled to discuss the request by left-wing groups to ban the Yemin Yisrael party from running for the Knesset on the grounds that it incites to racism by supporting the idea of transfer for the Arab population.

The party was formed by Moledet breakaway MK Shaul Gutman, who claims it is not fair to nullify his party when Moledet supports the same idea.

The final discussions on all the parties, their names, and the initials they can use on the ballot slips will be held on Sunday.



A youngster cools off with ice cream yesterday in downtown Jerusalem. Temperatures are expected to rise further today, until the heat wave comes to an end later this week. (Bina Handler)

Ramon: Likud is duping voters when it adopts Labor ideas

MICHAL YUDELMAN

THE Likud is trying "to dupe the public by adopting Labor's ideas ... by disguising itself as something it isn't and has no intention of being," Labor campaign information chairman Minister Haim Ramon said yesterday.

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campaign, whose launching had been delayed due to Operation Grapes of Wrath, will focus on the floating voters, estimated at 11 percent to 15%. New immigrants and young voters will get special attention, he said.

He noted that the successful operation in Lebanon, the cancellation of the Palestine Covenant, and the agreement on cooperation in fighting terrorism Peres is about to sign in Washington are all achievements of this government.

Barak called the operation an important military success to reinforce and improve the 1993 understandings which had been broken by the Hizbullah, with Iranian help.

The operation's two main goals - stopping the Katyushas on the Galilee and ensuring the IDF's freedom of action - were achieved without a single IDF fatality, and with the killing of more terrorists than in a whole year, Barak said.

He pointed out that "the Likud's attempt to jump on Labor's bandwagon in its systematic adoption of Labor's ideas one by one is the ultimate proof that the Rabin and Peres governments have won the public over and created facts accomplis, both vis-a-vis the territories and the peace process with the Palestinians."

Ramon added that with the end of Operation Grapes of Wrath, he hoped the Arabs will resume their support of Peres and Labor.

Wheat-grass juice tested as colitis treatment

JUDY SIEGEL

THE juice of the wheat-grass plant, found in health food stores, is being tested as a possible treatment for ulcerative colitis, a severe, chronic inflammation of the large intestine and rectum that affects more than 1,500 Israelis.

The clinical trials are being carried out at the Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem and are open only to sufferers of the disease who are in the midst of an acute attack, said Dr. Eran Ben-Arye, who is coordinating the research. A preliminary study of 10 patients was completed, with eight of them reporting improvement in their condition even though wheat-grass juice

was the only change in their diet and their drug treatment had not been amended.

Ben-Arye said that the juice will be fresh, prepared by squeezing the wheat-grass. It is rich in chlorophyll, vitamins A, C and E, iron, calcium, and magnesium. A control group will receive a green-colored juice with the same taste but not made from wheat-grass; in the double-blind, two-month study, no one will know who is getting the real thing until the results are disclosed.

The condition is usually diagnosed between 10 and 30, with pro-

fuse watery diarrhea containing varying amounts of blood, mucus, and pus. The cause is not known, but it is more common among Jews of Ashkenazi origin. Other symptoms are weight loss, anemia, pain, fever, severe intestinal pain and chills, and some patients cannot function normally. Children may suffer retarded physical growth.

Treatment with steroids and other anti-inflammatory drugs may help control the symptoms but can be dangerous in themselves. The only permanent cure is removal of the affected parts of the intestine.

Patients interested in participating should call Dr. Ben-Arye at (02) 410146.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Conference on treating sexually abused children**
A conference on the treatment of those who suffered sexual abuse as children opens today at Herzog Memorial Hospital-Ezrat Nashim in Jerusalem. The three-day event will feature lectures by Prof. Uno van der Hart, from the University of Utrecht in Holland.
Herzog psychologist Dr. Daniel Brom said the subject was chosen because it is "so neglected" in Israel. Treatment includes helping patients to recall traumatic memories, leading to personality integration. *Judy Siegel*
- Optional matriculation exams announced**
The matriculation (bagrut) exams that will be optional for 12th graders this year are Bible, literature, and history, the Education Ministry announced yesterday. Students will not have to pay for exams which are optional.
This is the second year the ministry has held a computerized raffle to select the option exams, a move aimed at easing the exam load on high school students. *Jerusalem Post Staff*
- Autopsy reveals priest died of gluttony**
A Franciscan friar found dead near the Church of the Holy Sepulchre choked to death after overeating and drinking, police said yesterday.
The friar was identified as Claudio Mateo Medina, 30, of Mexico. His body was found Saturday on the floor of his room, at a residence for clergy beside the church.
Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said Medina apparently collapsed on a stairwell and crawled to his room, where he died. *AP*

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PA Police officer arrested in Area C

AN armed Palestinian Police officer with a rank equivalent to lieutenant-colonel was arrested by Israeli policemen at the Tzofim junction near Kalkilya. The junction is in area C, which Palestinian policemen are forbidden to enter under the Oslo accords, unless they have first cleared the move with Israel. *Itim*

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